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NETS TO YOU: New August 1 revision now available at  
<http://www.angelfire.com/ok/worldofradio/nets2you.html>

\*\* ALASKA. KNLS schedule for B-01 season, 28102001 - 24112001:

0800-0900 11765 En  
0900-1000 9615 Ru  
1000-1100 9615 Mandarin  
1100-1200 9615 Ru  
1200-1300 9615 Mandarin  
1300-1400 11765 En  
1400-1700 9615 Mandarin  
1700-1800 9615 Ru

25112001 - 26012002

0800-0900 11765  
0900-1000/1100-1200/1300-1400 9615  
1000-1100/1200-1300 7365  
1400-1800 7355

27012002 - 30032002

0800-0900/1300-1400 11765  
0900-1300/1400-1800 9615

(KNLS via Thomas Schweder-D, A-DX Jul 26 via Wolfgang B,schel, DXLD)

\*\* AUSTRALIA. Following is the text of a press release from Radio Australia regarding an effort by Roger Broadbent, host of "Feedback," to foster a major international dialogue between and among listeners and broadcasters on the future of international broadcasting.

(John Figliozzi, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RA'S FEEDBACK WANTS YOUR VIEWS ON INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING

Veteran international broadcaster Roger Broadbent says it's about

time listeners and broadcasters had a free-wheeling discussion about how best to deliver the programming of stations like his Radio Australia. He's setting about to do something about it.

"Although the decision by the BBC World Service to cut shortwave broadcasts to North America, Australia and New Zealand has been roundly criticised," Broadbent said, "I believe there may a positive side to this development. It has sparked a lively and often heated debate about the merits of shortwave as opposed to, or in conjunction with, audio streaming on the net, rebroadcasts and satellite. It's a debate which is long overdue."

Broadbent is the host of Radio Australia's listener response program "Feedback". "How a broadcaster delivers its signal is not only based on the availability of the technology but on the costs involved in taking advantage of a particular delivery platform and perhaps most important of all the availability of these platforms to the target audiences and whether they are financially able to take advantage of them," he explained.

"For a discussion like this to be successful there has to be input from both individual broadcasters and listeners and this is what 'Feedback' is after," Broadbent said.

So, what are your views about the merits or disadvantages of the various delivery options available today to international broadcasters and their audiences? Has audio streaming on the net enticed listeners away from shortwave? Has streaming made shortwave unnecessary? Or has it generated a new audience for shortwave by demonstrating the variety and depth of international broadcasts? Can one delivery platform do it all? Or does each have strengths and weaknesses that prevent any one of them from reigning supreme? Will the advent of digital on shortwave change anything or will it come too late to make any difference? These are only a few of the agenda items. There are many more.

If you would like to have your say (and we certainly hope you do!) there are as many ways of doing this as there are delivery options!

First of course you can email Roger Broadbent:

[broadbent.roger@abc.net.au](mailto:broadbent.roger@abc.net.au)

There's also a more open forum, the RA English Service Guest Book which enables others to read your comments.

<http://abc.net.au/ra/guestbk/guestbk.htm>

Radio Australia also has an Openline where you can leave a voice message: +61 3 9626 1825

And of course we shouldn't forget the somewhat slower delivery option:

Feedback  
Radio Australia  
GPO Box 428G  
Melbourne 3001, Victoria  
Australia.

This invitation is open to anyone who has a legitimate interest in international broadcasting. However Radio Australia wishes to stress that the discussion is not intended to focus on the BBC. As mentioned earlier the World Service decision should be seen as the catalyst for the discussion.

Roger Broadbent looks forward to reading your contribution. (via Figliozzi, DXLD)

\*\* AUSTRALIA. Radio Australia h.f. broadcasts to Indonesia - July 2001 -- note use of Marianas Islands! (Richard Jary, ARDXC)

TIME (EST)	TIME (UT)	Language	FREQ (kHz)	metre band	Transmitter site
0500-0730	1900-2130	English	9500	31	Shepparton
0730-0930	2130-2330	Indonesian	9865	31	Darwin (CVA)
0730-0930	2130-2330	Indonesian	11550	25	Taiwan (Merlin)
0730-0930	2130-2330	Indonesian	11695	25	Shepparton
0730-0930	2130-2330	Indonesian	15415	19	Shepparton
0800-1000	2200-0000	English	13620	22	Darwin (CVA)
0800-0930	2200-2330	English	15240	19	Taiwan (CBS)
1000-1130	0000-0130	English	17775	16	Darwin (CVA)
1000-1030	0000-0030	Indonesian	17750	16	Shepparton
1000-1030	0000-0030	Indonesian	21680	13	Darwin (CVA)
1000-1030	0000-0030	Indonesian	21615	13	Marianas (Merlin)
1030-1400	0030-0400	English	17750	16	Shepparton
1100-1900	0100-0900	English	21725	13	Shepparton
1400-1430	0400-0430	Indonesian	17750	16	Shepparton
1400-1430	0400-0430	Indonesian	21680	13	Darwin (CVA)
1400-1430	0400-0430	Indonesian	21780	13	Marianas (Merlin)
1430-1500	0430-0500	English	17750	16	Shepparton
1500-1530	0500-0530	Indonesian	21680	13	Darwin (CVA)
1500-1530	0500-0530	Indonesian	11745	25	Taiwan (CBS)
1500-1530	0500-0530	Indonesian	17750	16	Shepparton
1530-1800	0530-0800	English	17750	16	Shepparton

1800-1830	0800-0830	Indonesian	11550	25	Taiwan (CBS)
1800-1830	0800-0830	Indonesian	17750	16	Shepparton
1800-2130	0800-1130	English	15125	19	Taiwan (CBS)
1830-1900	0830-0900	English	17750	16	Shepparton
1900-1930	0900-0930	Indonesian	11550	25	Taiwan (Merlin)
1900-1930	0900-0930	Indonesian	17750	16	Shepparton
1900-0000	0900-1400	English	11880	25	Shepparton
1930-2100	0930-1100	English	17750	16	Shepparton
2100-0000	1100-1400	English	9475	31	Shepparton
0000-0300	1400-1700	English	11660	25	Shepparton

JULY 2001 NH [Nigel Holmes, RA]

(Radio Australia via ARDXC/Richard Jary, hard-core-dx July 27 via DXLD) Has been using Marianas = Tinian for several months (gh)

\*\* AUSTRALIA. Quite intriguing: R Australia 15240 in En (to PAC, I think) hrd 18 Jul & the following day at least with two signals interfering each other, the weakest denoting a 4" (!) delay, so THERE WAS QRM; it seems RA uses TWN relay on 15240 at that time, so the other (weaker) signal may emanate from Shepperton. Any guesses on what might, or may still be happening? (Carlos L. R. de Assunção Gonçalves, Portugal, Jul 26 [Time ?], BCDX via DXLD)

15240 Taipei 2200-2330 English; Please note that 15240 is ALSO used from Shepparton 0000-0900 for English; this causes serious reception problems in the target area, due to its Taipei relay also using that channel for the 0000-0030 period (Vietnamese) and 0800-0900 period (English). When I was in Thailand a few weeks ago, 15240 was unusable for both of those overlapping periods - I must seriously question the frequency planning processes used by the ABC under such circumstances. Due to the satellite delay, English 0800-0900 [is this in AET = UT plus 10? I thought we were talking about a clash at 2200 UT -gh] on 15240 was ruined, due to the exasperating multiple signal, up to half a second apart. Note also that 15125 is shown as via Taipei 0800-1130, English, in a schedule posted to a newsgroup. This is quite misleading and refers to a very old projected frequency which was changed months ago to the current 15240. This was done to avoid disturbing RRI Jakarta which had been granted prior sole usage rights for the use of 15125 for Region 3 (Asia) in that time period.

The RA Web site is a hopeless mess, with times shown very broadly for all language transmissions, such as "morning" or "evening". I have no idea as to how listeners are expected to decipher all that gobbledegook! Why cannot someone at the ABC include a simple composite textual schedule in the RA Web site, showing times and days in the international recognised format of UTC? Perhaps R. Broadbent should look at that first? (Bob Padula, EDXP via DXLD) Agreed (gh)

\*\* BOLIVIA. Tente escutar R·dio Trùpico na nova freq,Íncia de 6036.8, 2357 31/07/01 Sp, ID "Usted est· en sintonía de Radiodifusoras Trùpico, 6035 kilociclos en onda corta, Trinidad, Beni, Bolivia.`` 6035 È a frecuencia autorizada por Sittel (Rogildo F.Arag,,o Sony ICF-2001D LW 45m Cochabamba - Bolivia, August 31, radioescutas via DXLD)

\*\* BOLIVIA. 6054.40, Radio Juan XXIII, San Ignacio de Velasco. July 2001 - 1055 UT. Until further notice please cancel my logging of Radio Mauro N'òez, Villa Serrano in SWB 1463. Radio Juan XXIII ID and promo for different church events in San Ignacio. I will continue to watch this frequency; there is a possibility that both stations are there -- I know that Mauro N'òez is listed on 6065 kHz but according to a press release from the Bolivian State Authority SITTEL, Mauro N'òez has been assigned the frequency of 6055 kHz.

This is an excerpt from this press release: Superintendencia de Telecomunicaciones (SITTEL): "La Paz, 27 de octubre de 2000: SITTEL adjudicô dos frecuencias en onda corta, una en Villa Serrano y otra en Trinidad por un total de 9.225 Bs, dentro de procesos de licitaciôn p'blicos. Las dos radiodifusoras que se adjudicaron las frecuencias en onda corta son Radio Patuj' que operar· en 6.005 kHz. y ofertô 5025 Bs. y Radio Mauro N'òez en 6.055 kHz con una oferta de 4.200 bolivianos por la frecuencia".

Thanks go to Christer Brunstrîm/CB in SWB and Mark Mohrman, Coventry, VT, USA, who both made me pay attention to the fact that Radio Juan XXIII is heard on the frequency.

Christer: "Yes, you report Radio Mauro N'òez on 6054.40 at 10.35 UTC. This is of course an impossible time for us in Sweden. In the same SWB (1463) I reported Radio Juan XXIII on 6054.4 at 2220 UT. I think they close around 2300 which might be an impossible time for you to hear anything on the frequency. At 2225 I had a very clear ID from Radio Juan XXIII!!! Mauro N'òez is listed on a somewhat higher frequency. It might of course be a mutual transmission or something like that but it is not likely that two Bolivians use exactly the same frequency".

Mark: "Anyway I do have a question for you about your latest log of R. Mauro N'òez from Bolivia. You have it on 6054.40. My list shows that most recently, R. Juan 23 has been logged here, and that Mauro N'òez is normally on 6064.3 and hasn't been logged in over a year. Can you confirm that Mauro N'òez is what you heard?"

Information about Catholic radio stations. A huge list of Catholic radio stations in LA and the rest of the world can be found at this address: <http://www.aciprensa.com/radio/directorio.htm>. If you want

to obtain the latest news, mail the editor in charge:

miked509@aol.com

To give you an actual example, this info goes for Radio Juan XXIII:  
San Ignacio de Velasco: CP126, Radio Juan XXIII 840 (3,000 vatios) y  
CP90 6055 khz onda corta (3,000 vatios), y 100.0 FM. El Vicariato  
Apostólico San Ignacio de Velasco, Apartado 82, San Ignacio de  
Velasco. Padre Eliás CotezÚn R., director (Bj^rn Malm, Quito,  
Ecuador, SW Bulletin July 29, translated by editor Thomas Nilsson for  
DXLD)

\*\* BRAZIL. 6062.00v, "Universo", S,,o Paulo. July 21 2001 - 1000 UT.  
All the time with religious programmes from S,,o Paulo. ID as  
"Universo" or "Sistema Universo" plus a frequency that I couldn't  
hear. Drifts some kHz up/down in frequency (Bj^rn Malm, Quito,  
Ecuador, SW Bulletin July 29, translated by editor Thomas Nilsson for  
DXLD)

\*\* BRAZIL. R;DIO SVO CARLOS DE VOLTA ¿S ONDAS TROPICAIS

Depois de alguns anos a R·dio S,,o Carlos voltou a transmitir nos 2420  
kHz; esta È uma boa notícia. A R·dio S,,o Carlos foi uma das primeiras  
emissoras no interior brasileiro, tendo um lugar importante na  
histÓria do R·dio no Brasil. A seguir apresentamos um artigo contando  
um pouco desta histÓria:

Falar da R·dio S,,o Carlos È falar principalmente de seu fundador Gisto  
Rossi, um pioneiro e grande entusiasta do R·dio. Gisto Rossi foi um  
grande tÈcnico, construiu seus prÓprios equipamentos. Em 1926 montou  
uma sÈrie de antenas num bairro chamado Vila Nery na cidade de S,,o  
Carlos, local situado a 900 metros de altitude, de onde realizou  
diversas escutas do exterior, Mais adiante, saiu de uma casa prÓpria,  
alugando outra onde as condiÁes para o r·dio eram mais favor·veis;  
ele era um dextista. O grande sonho de Gisto foi o de construir sua  
prÓpria emissÓra. Este sonho se realizou em Setembro de 1940 depois  
de muito esforÁo. Segundo um dentista chamado Camargo Lima, amigo de  
Gisto, certa noite quando ninguÈm esperava, ouviu-se uma vÓz no r·dio  
- Aqui È a R·dio S,,o Carlos, aqui fala Gisto Rossi. Dirigindo-se atÈ  
o local da emissÓra, Lima foi recebido por Gisto que lhe pediu que  
disesse algo no microfone. Saiu dali a primeira propaganda da R·dio  
S,,o Carlos. Lima disse: - VocÍ est· com dor de dente? Procure o  
dentista Camargo Lima...

Apesar do amadorismo e de todo equipamento produzido pelo prÓprio  
Gisto, exceto alguma coisa proveniente da Inglaterra, a R·dio S,,o  
Carlos desde o seu inÍcio sempre primou por sua excelente qualidade  
tÈcnica. Gisto Rossi era um tÈcnico de m,,o cheia. A R·dio S,,o Carlos  
teve sua fundaÁ,,o oficial em 1 de Janeiro de 1941, em plena Segunda  
Guerra Mundial. Por ser Rossi um italiano casado com uma alem,,,

começaram também uma série de perseguições governamentais que quase acabaram com a Rádiorádio, partindo de premissas de que a Rádiorádio S, Carlos na verdade passava mensagens ocultas aos inimigos. Felizmente estas idéias não vingaram e a Rádiorádio seguiu seu caminho. A Rádiorádio S, Carlos desempenhou um papel muito importante na cidade, foi sobretudo um grande centro cultural. Foi construído um grande auditório, um dos maiores do Brasil, um grande espaço para mil pessoas sentadas. Por este local passaram inúmeros artistas nacionais e internacionais, grandes nomes da chamada Época de ouro da Rádiorádio, como os renomados artistas da Rádiorádio Nacional do Rio de Janeiro, na Rádiorádio S, Carlos também estiveram. O período de ouro da Rádiorádio S, Carlos teve início em 1950 e durou por uma década. Além dos grandes eventos artísticos irradiados, que incluíram também peças teatrais, transmissões esportivas eram realizadas, notadamente do clube de Futebol chamado Bandeirantes e sobretudo do grande time de Basquete que S, Carlos teve na década de cinquenta.

As transmissões eram feitas tanto de S, Carlos como de outras localidades. Certamente as dificuldades eram muitas, mas a parte técnica era sempre resolvida, o próprio Gisto Rossi era o técnico da emissora, o que era uma garantia de qualidade ou simplesmente de que a emissora estaria no ar. Também as rádios-novelas foram destaque neste período. A Rádiorádio S, Carlos poderia ser lembrada como a Rádiorádio Nacional do Rio de Janeiro do interior. Além de operar em onda média, a emissora tinha sua frequência nos 120 metros. Isto proporcionou sua escuta em lugares distantes; ainda hoje estão guardados relatórios de recepção de várias partes do Mundo.

A partir dos anos 60, com o avanço da Televisão, a Rádiorádio S, Carlos foi perdendo a sua característica original, algo que ocorreu de uma forma geral no rádio brasileiro. Infelizmente após a morte de Gisto Rossi no final dos anos 80, a emissora passou por um declínio muito grande, não acompanhou os avanços tecnológicos deste período. Sofreu também com a concorrência de outros meios de comunicação e também das outras rádios da cidade que cresceram em número e investimento.

No entanto, a Rádiorádio S, Carlos chega aos seus 60 anos e segundo seus atuais proprietários, com um novo rumo. O prédio da emissora passa por reformas, novos estúdios estão sendo construídos, equipamentos trocados, inclusive com a promessa da manutenção da frequência de 120 metros que está fora do ar há algum tempo (voltando agora em Julho de 2001). A Rádiorádio S, Carlos tem um lugar muito importante na história do rádio brasileiro; torcemos muito para que consiga superar seus atuais problemas (Samuel Cássio Martins Santos, S, Carlos-SP, @tividade DX July 26 via DXLD)

\*\* BRAZIL. Novo horário: AMIGOS DO RADIO -- Rádio Transmundial, Santa Maria-RS: Sábados 1500 e 2145 UTC, Quarta-feira: 1530 e 2145 UTC

Freq,ências: 5965 // 9530 // 11735 kHz  
Endereço: Caixa Postal 18300, São Paulo-SP, 04626-970  
E-mail: amigosdoradio@t... [truncated by topica]  
Cartão QSL para informes de recepção, correios.  
(Carlos Felipe, radioescutas via DXLD)

\*\* BULGARIA. Radio Varna continues broadcasting on 9955 Sundays. Goes out at 2100-0300, good reception (Vladimir Kovalenko, Tomsk, Russia in Signal via August World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

\*\* BULGARIA. R Bulgaria's weekly DX Program appears in three versions:  
English - features Amateur Ham Radio nx, compiled by Mr. Dimiter Petrov LZ1AF and BC-tips from Rumen Pankov.  
Ge, Fr & Sp - BC-news & tips by Rumen Pankov.  
Russian - HFCC nx & BC-tips by Ivo Ivanov.

Times and frequencies of DX programmes are:  
En Fri 1945, Sat 2145 11900  
Fri 2345 & Sun 0245 11700  
Sat 1145 17500

Ge Thu & Sat 1815 11800  
Fri 1030 & Sun 1015 17500

Fr Tue & Sun 2040 11900  
Wed 0140 11700  
Wed 0640 12000

Sp Sun 1615 15700 & 17500  
Sun 2115 11800 & 13800  
Sun 2315 9500 & 11600  
Mon 0115 9500 9700 11600

Ru Sat 1445 7500 9900 13800  
Sat 1745 7500 9900  
Sat 2345 12100  
Sun 0245 5900 7500 (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, Jul 13, BCDX via DXLD)

\*\* CANADA. It is with great sadness that I inform you of the passing of our good friend Larry Shewchuk of Pinawa, Manitoba. Larry had been fighting an on-again, off-again battle with cancer for many years but he was a fighter that always won. After taking ill again in May of this year he seemed on the road to recovery but this past Monday was admitted to hospital where he died July 26th just a few weeks shy of his 44th birthday.

As you well know, Larry was an active DXer and supported your program



as much as he could. He was also active with CIDX and I have known Larry personally since 1982. He leaves his wife of 5 years, Elise and young daughter and son Emily, 4, and Marc, 1 1/2.

It is very hard for me to believe this has happened so I will say good bye for now. Take care, (Mickey Delmage, Sherwood Park, Alberta, July 27, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Larry Shewchuk had worked for RCI, Christian Science Monitor, and the CKUA public radio network in Alberta; recently had been media relations spokesman for Atomic Energy Canada (Sheldon Harvey, International Radio Report July 29 via DXLD)

Here is the obituary notice of longtime CIDX member Larry Shewchuk from the Winnipeg Free Press Friday: Larry Shewchuk July 27, 2001 LARRY SHEWCHUK After a courageous battle with cancer, on Thursday, July 26, 2001, at the St. Boniface Hospital, Larry Shewchuk, 43 years, beloved husband of Elise. Announcement of service to follow. P. COUTU & CO. FUNERAL DIRECTORS 156 Marion Street 949-4864 (via Sheldon Harvey, DXLD)

Larry Shewchuk: I am very sad to report long time DX'er Larry Shewchuk who was well known here in Canada for his writings on air programs and his DX exploits has passed away. Larry loved MW, LW and SW DX'ing. Larry and I have been DX buddies for over 15 years and he will be missed by myself and all who knew him. He was great to be around and made every DX'pedition we went on a fun time. He was always willing to share his ideas, his stories and his food. I learned a lot about DX'ing while on DX'peditions with Larry and if the DX ran out, his stories never did. Larry wrote for CIDX for many years and worked at the CBC on AM radio here in Winnipeg, Newsworld and Radio Canada International. Larry, wherever you are, I hoist a Sam Adams as I listen to a Yugoslavian folk song in your honour..... 73 and Best of DX (Shawn Axelrod, The AMANDX DX Info Site including the Canadian DX and Expanded Band Pages: <http://www.angelfire.com/mb/amndx/index.html> REMEMBER ON A CLEAR DAY YOU CAN HEAR FOREVER, amfmtvdx, July 27, DXLD)

\*\* CANADA. None of the western CBC 50-kW blowtorches, like CBX-740 and CBU-690 are moving to FM, even though Edmonton and Vancouver have trolley bus routes. Poor reception while driving under overhead streetcar and trolleybus wires in Toronto was one of the reasons trotted out for CBL's move to FM. 73 (Mike Brooker, Toronto, ON NRC-AM via DXLD)

\*\* CANADA. Received an attractive verification folder, sticker and station list back from CKZN 6160 after 29 months as did many others. Power given as 1 kW. IRCs were returned; not sure whether this

implies that if you report them now you will get a quick response or whether they will again let the mail build up. Anyway, address is CBC Transmission and Distribution Department, P.O. Box 12010, Station A, St John's, NF A1B 3TB, Canada (Mike Barraclough, August World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

\*\* CANADA.

<http://www.nationalpost.com/news/national/story.html?f=/stories/20010731/632694.html>

Radio Canada International fears CBC cuts, Management changes  
Chris Cobb, Ottawa Citizen

OTTAWA - Employees at Radio Canada International, which broadcast Canadian news and current affairs to millions of listeners abroad, say the world-renowned radio service is being undermined by a new team of CBC managers bent on slashing its programs.

RCI-produced weekend newscasts have been scrapped, Russian and Ukrainian-language programming has been reduced and more drastic cuts to live programming are expected soon.

The employees have formed an Action Committee to lobby the federal government and opposition MPs. They also want to appear before the House of Commons heritage committee in the fall when it launches an examination of Canadian broadcasting.

"We want to stop the cuts that are coming and restore those already made," said Wojtek Gwiazda, and Action Committee spokesman. "We want to stop the erosion of RCI's mandate. The new administrators don't appear to understand our mandate, which is to explain to the world on a daily basis what Canada is about. We have already stopped doing that."

RCI, which has been broadcasting for more than half a century, has traditionally been a separate service of the CBC/Radio-Canada main networks and is funded separately, with an annual \$15.5-million from the federal Heritage department.

Employees fear that a recent flurry of senior management changes, and the integrating of some RCI functions with the main networks, constitutes the beginning of a total takeover by CBC/Radio-Canada. They also expect job losses and warn of a further watering down of the RCI service.

RCI broadcasts in English, French, Russian, Arabic, Ukrainian, Chinese and Spanish. A decade ago, before its budget was cut by a third and half its staff laid off, the international service

broadcast in 14 languages.

About 100 employees run RCI.

The weekend newscasts, which used to be produced at RCI and tailored for foreign listeners, have been replaced by domestic newscasts from CBC and the corporation's French-language Radio-Canada.

The RCI Action Committee wrote to Sheila Copps, the Minister of Canadian Heritage, and CBC president Robert Rabinovitch in May urging them to stop the cuts to RCI. Ms. Copps's office replied, saying it was an internal CBC matter. Mr. Rabinovitch has not replied. Andre Beaudet, Radio-Canada spokesman, rejected the claim that changes at RCI constitute a takeover (via National Post July 31 via Bill Westenhaver, DXLD)

\*\* CANADA. Canadian pirate on trial???  
from <http://www.crtc.gc.ca/archive/ENG/Hearings/2001/N2001-8.HTM>

Notice of Public Hearing CRTC 2001-8 Ottawa, 30 July 2001

The Commission will hold a public hearing commencing on 19 September at 9:30 a.m., at the Conference Centre, Portage IV, 140 Promenade du Portage, Hull, Quebec, to consider the following:

Pursuant to section 12 of the Broadcasting Act, the Commission calls Jan Pachul to a public hearing to be held in the City of Hull, starting on the 19th day of September 2001 at 9:30 a.m. to inquire into, hear and determine whether a mandatory order should be issued requiring Jan Pachul to cease and desist operating a broadcasting undertaking at Toronto, Ontario or elsewhere in Canada, except in compliance with the Broadcasting Act.

[...]

<http://www.srtv.on.ca/> A quick net search revealed that Mr. Pachul was the gentleman who established a low-power UHF television station to serve a Toronto neighbourhood, even though he was turned down by the CRTC. The site above is a link to that station's homepage (via Ricky Leong, July 30, DXLD)

\*\* CANADA [non]. Dick Gordon leaves CBC for U.S. public radio

BOSTON (CP-AP) - Veteran CBC journalist Dick Gordon has been named host of the popular U.S. National Public Radio talk show The Connection, which originates from Boston's WBUR-FM. Full story:

[http://www.thestar.com/NASApp/cs/ContentServer?GXHC\\_gx\\_session\\_id\\_=b4b9beb6f8e36a6f&pagename=thestar/Layout/](http://www.thestar.com/NASApp/cs/ContentServer?GXHC_gx_session_id_=b4b9beb6f8e36a6f&pagename=thestar/Layout/)

Article\_Type1&c=Article&cid=996060588708&call\_page=TS\_News&call\_pageid=96833218849  
2&call\_pagepath=News/News  
(Toronto Star via Ivan Grishin, July 25, DXLD)

Dick Gordon to Host WBUR's The Connection  
Graham P. Smith Appointed Show's Senior Producer

BOSTON, July 24 /CNW/ -- Public radio station WBUR 90.9 FM today announced the appointment of Dick Gordon, senior correspondent for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) show This Morning, as host of WBUR's national public affairs call-in program The Connection. The station has also appointed WBUR Producer Graham P. Smith to serve as the program's senior producer. The Connection is distributed to public radio stations nationwide by National Public Radio (NPR(R)). Full release at:  
<http://www.newswire.ca/releases/July2001/24/c4609.html>  
(via Ricky Leong, QU, July 24, DXLD)

\*\* CHECHNYA [non]. the disputed Chechen clandestine operation is certainly the one on 7350/7143. Below a copy of the first report from three days ago, when the station was audible with a weak signal here in Germany, too. Today after 1700 no signs of a signal on either 7143 or 7350, but certainly this not necessarily means they are not on (Kai Ludwig, Germany, July 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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"RUSSIA" - "self-proclaimed Republik of Itchkeriya" (CHECHNYA)

Radio Kavkaz can be heard NOW (July 22), noted first time ever, since 1605 UT on 7143.05 kHz. (S9+10/+15 then) Program in Russian and Chechen (3-4 min information blocks about current situation in Chechnya/Grozny). News in Russian noted at 1605, 1633, 1700. News in Chechen at 1630 only. Other times - monotonuous HQ singing. Station full ID in Russian was heard only once, at 1629:  
"Natzionalnoye Radio Svobodnoy Nezavisimoy Itchkerii, - "Kavkaz".

Very bad condx here 7140 CYP(BBC/Arab), 7145 BLR (BR1). Besides heavy splash, two severest heterodynes +2 and -3 kHz. Modulation appears quite nice (comparing to well-known GEO's, AZE's, etc).

1729 HQ interrupted, program went into news, so bad readability that I can't even distinguish now between Arabic/Russian ???. It looks not good that they made such choice 7143, instead of announced few weeks before 7350 kHz. May be they are afraid of Russian jamming.

73 all (Vladimir Titarev, DXing AM-TB-SW-FM, QTH: Kremenchuk, Ukraine via Kai Ludwig, Germany, July 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Was on 7143 22nd July. 1605 plus. At 1628 there was 30-40 seconds of

men shouting Allakh'u Akhbar! with gun shooting at the end. Programme is 3-5 minutes of news in Chechen, then Russian at top of hour and on the half hour. Other times Qur'an and all male announcers. Goes off 1930. Heard on 7350.2 23rd July from 1447 with mediocre modulation, jammed severely since 1500; jammer resembles a Russian military jammer. Identification ``Natsional'noe Radio svobodnoy nezavisimoy Ichkerii-Kavkaz``. Email of Chechen Information Centre is nohchy@wanex.net, website <http://www.norchy.org.ge> (Vlad Titarev, Ukraine, Dxplorer via World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

7143.05, R Kavkaz: an audio clip of this one, made at 1628 Jul 22, there is 30-40 secs. of men shouting, "Allakh'u Akhbar!" with automatic gun shooting at the end. At: 47-51 in the recording there is a man in RS saying, "V efire natzionalnaya radiostantsiya svobodnoy nezavisimoy Itchkerii, Kavkaz," literally "On the air, national radio stn of free independent Itchkeriya, Kavkaz [i.e. "R. Kavkaz"]."

Vlad reports that the program ended at 1930, freq 7143.05 throughout. Modulation not ideal but quite acceptable. Program is repetitious: 3-5 mins. of nx in Chechen, then in RS, at every ToH and on every half-hour, other times Holy Qur'an singing, a little Qur'an reciting. All voices male, and nx reader and anc'r seem to be the same person, bilingual. IDs in RS were arnd 1628, 1728, 1833.

DXer Vasily Gulyayev reported on DX-Bistro about a good signal in Astrakhan, but supplied no details. There is another repeating fragment (the only Chechen singing, perhaps warrior-type), something like a "jingle" or IS, at 1858-1902, and Vlad may be sending along a recording of that as well (Vlad Titarev, Ukraine, DXplorer Jul 22)

R Kavkaz moved to announced earlier 7350 kHz. Today monitored since 1447 on 7350.2 dozen Hz deviation, mediocre modulation. And what is the worst, been jammed in severest manner since around 1500 UTC. Jammer, hard to say, resembling "Mayak" type slightly. On 99% guess - Russ military jammer. Readability even worse than in yesterday's heavy QRMs, Hets on 7143.05.

7143.05/7350.2 R Kavkaz, third audio clip rcvd. This one features the end of nx in RS at 1605 Jul 22, 7143.05. The final words may serve as an indirect ID because I hrd them every time I caught the end of the nx when that became more or less readable; at :59, "Uvazhayemye radioslushateli! Vy slushali svodku poslednikh sobytiy v Chechnie," literally meaning, "Dear radio listeners! You've been listening to the last news report in Chechnya."

More from live monitoring: yesterday they went s-off 1930. It looks like fixed skedule. Hope to catch them at start today. News were

longer (8 min Chechen, 9-10 min in Russian). Still not clear for me, if they were jammed or just experienced some own XMTR problems. Mod: fair-to-poor. AM corrupted (evident signal assymetry, LSB ECSS much weaker, useless) Freq deviation very slight. Quite excusable for this kind of BCer:

UT	kHz
1640	7350.192
1718	7350.184
1821	7350.181

Regarding news from there, they are mostly enumerating the facts, like somebody disappeared there, something exploded here, etc., giving such exact details as addresses of events (naming roads, crossings, etc.), name, place of birth and date of birth of persons disappeared (killed, presumably tortured), similar exact details for Russian military personnel killed, with brief details of all recent military operations of Chechen "partizans," or guerillas. BTW, there is still no one steady name in the Russian media for Chechen fighters; I counted up to a dozen different ways of naming them by Russian radio and TV last autumn. R. Kavkaz refers to Russian militaries solely as occupants ("okkupanty").

URL of Chechen Information Center is <http://www.nohchy.org.ge>  
E-mail is [nohchy@wanex.net](mailto:nohchy@wanex.net)

They did not respond to two previous messages to that address, but I sent them a rcpn rpt on this rcpn and they must have rcvd it because I advised them to move to relatively clear 7350 and today (Jul 23) from 1446 they were on 7350.2v (few Hz deviation). Modulation poor to mediocre, mostly poor; yesterday in heavy QRM they were more readable than now, plus very strange noise from 1500 resembling "mayak" type jamming. Noise disappeared at approx. 1540. Jammer? Xmtr problem? Much more talking today, more local singing and less Koran. Alas, readability is extremely bad.

Re jamming, it's not regular jamming, mostly the "talking" fragments are jammed, with some crossovers on mx/talk prgm switches. The last hour is jammed more sporadically (RS militaries going to bed too early?)

Mikhail Timofeyev checked on Jul 24 and found that Kavkaz left the air earlier, nothing noted after 1730 (Vlad Titarev-UKR, via Jerry Berg-MA-USA, DXplorer, Jul 23/25)

After 1830 I found R Kavkaz on 7143 audible here in Germany, too, although with a weak signal only. Indeed quite good, CIS-style modulation (but this was the case with "Voice of Southern Azerbaijan"

from Israel, too). Difficult to say much about the programming with this poor signal, news in Russian at 1900 was followed by classical music, I also noted telephone reports. Looks altogether quite professional, both transmission and program production (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Jul 22, all BCDX via DXLD)

Russia trying to jam Chechen radio stations - web site | Excerpt from report by Kavkaz-Tsentr news agency web site

26 July, Kavkaz-Tsentr correspondent Khatu Khamidov: Recently two "competent bodies" in Russia - [Russian President Vladimir] Putin's administration and the Federal Security Service [FSS] - have sharply criticized Georgia. A Chechen shortwave radio station which has regularly been on the air since the middle of this month was the reason behind Moscow's criticism. The Kremlin irritatingly "pointed" at Tbilisi that the "Chechen militants have stepped up their terrorist activities and propaganda from Georgian territory"...

What has actually happened? Does there, in fact, exist a Chechen radio station? A Kavkaz-Tsentr correspondent asked the deputy amir of Supreme Military Majlis ul-Shura [of Mojahedin], Movladi Udugov, to comment on this issue.

"In fact, for several days an independent Chechen shortwave station, Kavkaz, has started regular radio broadcasting. We knew beforehand that Moscow would try to stop the radio station broadcasting, and it happened. The Kremlin mobilized its forces, including the FSS stool pigeons to destroy the station physically. We were ready for it.

"We have disappointed Putin. I would like to say that we have, not one, but three radio stations. Two of them operate on the territory of Ichkeria. A reserve transmitter is outside the territory of the Chechen Republic of Ichkeria and is ready to broadcast at any time. Our transmission is received practically in all regions of the Northern Caucasus, including Baku, Yerevan and Tbilisi. We broadcast on shortwave, 41-meter band. We broadcast our programme every day from 1800 [1400 gmt] Dzhokhar time (1900 Moscow time) until 2300 [1900 gmt]. This is a temporary transmission. In the future, it will change according to the situation. In fact, from the first day of broadcasting, the Russians resorted to an old method of obstructing "enemy's transmission" - jamming.

As far as we know, jamming devices have been installed on the territory of Khankala, near the village of Borzoy and in Mozdok. Our sources report that a secret circular issued by the Federal Agency for Government Communications and Information [FAPSI] to appropriate subordinate bodies, instructs them to install jamming devices in all regions of the Northern Caucasus, including in Russian military bases

in Georgia and Armenia. The Kremlin is afraid of the truth and its measures attest to this. Knowing that the Russians will jam our radio transmission, we have undertaken some countermeasures. Time will show how efficient they are. In any case, we shall continue to broadcast trustworthy information about the war and not fairy stories like the Russian radios".

Source: Kavkaz-Tsentr news agency web site in Russian 26 Jul 01 (via BBCM via DXLD)

Georgia: Authorities to "liquidate" Chechen rebel radio | Text of report in English by Russian news agency ITAR-TASS

Moscow, 28 July: Moscow applauds Georgia's intention to close the illegal radio station controlled by Chechen militants in Pankisi Gorge. "The demands of the Russian side have prompted Georgian authorities to get down to work out a special operation guidelines at the liquidation of the station," TASS learned from Russia's informed sources. The Georgian interior troops located near the settlement of Akhmeta have already got such a task, the sources noted. Meanwhile "this task is very difficult for Georgian security forces as the region of the gorge is practically out of Georgian authorities' control," stressed the sources. Source: ITAR-TASS news agency, Moscow, in English 1027 gmt 28 Jul 01 (via BBCM via DXLD)

\*\* CHINA. Some regional station schedules with SW:

Gansu People's Radio Station, Lanzhou, in Mandarin: "Gansu Renmin Guangbo Diantai" Address: 226 Donggang Xilu, Lanzhou, Gansu 730000. Tel: +86 (0) 931 8411054. Fax: +86 (0) 931 8825834. 2200-1600 on 4865.

Guizhou People's Radio Station, Guiyang. "Guizhou Renmin Guangbo Diantai". Languages: Mandarin. Address: 259 Qingyun Lu, Guiyang, Guizhou 550002. Tel: +86 851 582 2495. Fax: +86 851 586 9983 Web Site: <http://www.gz169.com/diantai> 2150-1710 on 3260, 7275.

Inner Mongolia People's Radio Station - Mongolian Service, Hohhot. Language: Mongolian. Address: 19 Xinhua Dajie, Hohhot, Inner Mongolia 010058. Tel: +86 (0)471 696 2288. Fax: +86 (0)471 696 1082

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0000-0115 1.395 1.458 4.525 4.785 6.195  
0115-0800 1.395 1.458 7.210 7.270 9.750  
0800-1605 1.395 1.458 4.525 4.785 6.195  
2150-2359 1.395 1.458 4.525 4.785 6.195  
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\*\* COLOMBIA. 1720.01(H), HJFP Voces de Occidente, Guadalajara de Buga. July 2001 - 1100 UT. A real surprise as I seldom can hear anything in this frequency range. ID: "En Guadalajara de Buga HJFP 860 kHz Voces de Occidente". Noted in WRTH as "Buga" only (Bj^rn Malm, Quito, Ecuador, SW Bulletin July 29, translated by editor Thomas Nilsson for DXLD)

\*\* CONGO. 4765 Radio Congo, last logging was on July 7, I think, from Italy. Since then not heard station again at this location and not read any loggings later than this date (Piet Pijpers, The Netherlands, July 26, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* COSTA RICA. Radio for Peace International schedule effective from July 22nd is 0200-1000 on 7445, now on AM not USB, 24 hours a day on 15050 and 1200-0200 on 21815 USB (Michael Murray, UK, August World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

New format for Far Right Radio Review includes segments on monitoring hate radio on SW, with Tim Hendel, and other monitors. Wednesday 2030, Saturday 2030 plus repeats 6, 12 and 18 hours later, and posted on website for download. This week's show starting Saturday [July 28, presumably] looks at two hate broadcasters, Hal Turner on WBCQ, and John Lewis on WWFV. Next week: top-ten most hateful people on SW radio, naming them and their affiliations. 21815 is currently off the air; 15050 is on the air 24 hours; 7445 0200-0800 currently AM mode (RFPI Mailbag July 31, first airing July 27?, notes by gh for DXLD)

\*\* COSTA RICA. 3210, 31 Jul 0250, Radio Exterior de Espa a must have had a local newscast. It was definitely not the "REE Madrid" sound. Male newsreader and music between items. At 0300 they connected with Madrid, and they brought "their" news. So perhaps they have a studio in San Jos . Good signal, but noisy CW hacking (Johan Berglund, Sweden, hard-core-dx via DXLD) Seems doubtful to me (gh)

\*\* CUBA. Tout comme l'an pass  (voir information ao t 2000), les  missions en cr ole de Radio Havane Cuba sont suspendues et remplac es par des diffusions en fran ais. Cela concerne notamment les transmissions de 2330 et de 0100 TU sur 9550, et vraisemblablement celle de 2200 TU, mais qui est tr s difficile   v rifier en France en ce moment (les informations sont issues de <http://perso.wanadoo.fr/jm.aubier> circa July 25 via DXLD)

\*\* CZECH REPUBLIC. In response to many listeners' fears over the future of Radio Prague's transmissions on shortwave, the station's director Miroslav Kupica spoke on Mailbox to assure listeners that Radio Prague is not thinking of stopping shortwave transmissions. Olga Szantova of the English service visited the Litomysl transmitter site and spoke with some of the engineers about their work. Miroslav

also reaffirmed that shortwave is the station's main medium for international broadcasting with the internet, satellite and cable serving as complimentary systems. Around one third of the station's budget is spent on transmission costs (Jonathan Murphy, Ireland, August World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

\*\* EGYPT. Shortwave test broadcasts approved, reported heard | Text of report in English by Egyptian news agency MENA

Cairo, July 24: Minister of Information Safwat Al Sherif has approved the immediate experimental transmission of beamed broadcasts to east and west America, Europe, West Africa, Latin America, Australia and South Asia. The Engineering Sector has completed tests on these high frequency beamed broadcasts which will be transmitted from Abu Zaabal.

[Abu Zaabal is Egypt's main shortwave transmitter site. On 22 July DX Listening Digest 1-101, said that Mikhail Timofeyev, writing in the Hardcore DX e-mail news service, heard Egypt testing two new transmitters on 17 July from 1900-2054 gmt on 5900 kHz, 9900, 9850 and 12050. On 18 July between 0336-0358, tests were heard on 6200, 12000, 9770, 9800 and 12050 kHz approximately.] Source: MENA news agency, Cairo, in English 1459 gmt 24 Jul 01. (via BBCM via DXLD)

\*\* ETHIOPIA [non]. Netsanet Le Ethiopia Radio, 1700-1800 12110 kHz. SIO 444. URL <http://www.netsanet.com>

A good friend on the monitoring station set the direction finding system there towards Netsanet signal location, measured the direction of 67 degress. Not from Sofia, Bulgaria, not from Maiac, Moldova site.

My ham radio Swisslog logbook programme shows the following bearings:

Kurovskaya 55N34 39E09 = 64.12 degr

Samara 53N10 50E10 68.40

Serpuchov 54N54 37E25 66.29

Tula 54N12 37E37 68.67

(Wolfgang B,schel? Or Bernd Trutenau? BC-DX via DXLD)

\*\* FRANCE. Glenn- Happened to be up late 7/29/01 and tried to catch RFI on 17,800 at 0600 UT - transmission was in French, not English. The signal on listed parallel of 21,620 was inaudible. Do you know anything about a frequency switch? 73, (Alan Johnson, Reno, NV, DXLD)

Hi Alan, Don't know about fq switches, but the last I checked, there are no English broadcasts in the mornings on Sat and Sun, so you hear French instead. 73, (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* FRANCE. La diffusion de Radio France Internationale a ÉtÉ affectÉE lundi 23 juillet 2001 entre approximativement 0530 et 0640 TU. De nombreuses frÉquences ÉtaiEnt inactives durant cette pÉriode. Au mÊme moment, un orage s'abattait sur la rÉgion d'Issoudun (principal site Émetteur de RFI) probable cause de cette interruption. A noter que le puissant Émetteur d'Allouis (non loin d'Issoudun) sur 162 kHz (transmettant le programme de France Inter) connaissait Également quelques interruptions de l'ordre d'une seconde (observations faites le 23 juillet 2001) (les informations sont issues de <http://perso.wanadoo.fr/jm.aubier> via DXLD)

\*\* GERMANY. "DW Radio DX Committee" program in English language by Wolfram Hess heard on last Saturday of the month 2300-2345:

9815 WERTACHTAL 500 075 SAS/SEAS

12055 NOVOSIBIR. 500 145 SAS/SEAS

13610 TRINCOMALE 250 090 SAS/SEAS

21790 PETROPAVL. 250 247 SAS/SEAS

(Roland Schulze, Philippines, Jul 13, BCDX via DXLD)

And presumably in other English broadcasts monthly, not necessarily all of them. Last I looked, DW was rather lax in publishing info about such monthly sub-programs. I assume that, as before, this take only a few minutes, not the entire half-sesquihour! So when is it? (gh, DXLD)

\*\* GERMANY. IBB plans. [see MW 100 kW replacement plan, under USA] The upgrade plannings for Holzkirchen Bavaria are rather odd. The existing 150 kW "HMWT" (as RFE/RL used to call it on its schedules) could well be a rather old tx, but failed they to notice that the Holzkirchen MW outlet is off and silent? Or was this not meant as a permanent shut-down?

Nevertheless it should be rather difficult if not impossible to re-establish a MW service from Holzkirchen-Oberlaimdern due to the "electrosmog" controversy there. On the other hand it could be also well possible that a new tx will be installed at Ismaning (Munich) instead (Kai Ludwig, Germany, July 23, BC-DX via DXLD)

\*\* GERMANY/LIBYA. DTK Juelich answered an item of Rumen about 'bad' frequency selection of AWR Bulgarian services:

Another bad choice of DTK for AWR broadcast in Bulgarian. After splashed 9875 by Kuwait nearby 9880, and replacing by 15415 at 1600-1700. Since July 9th Libya returned to its old freq 15415 (ex 17725 due to co-ch VoRUS) and dominate that channel. Libya with usual R V of Africa / V of Libya programss in Ar, En, Fr (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, July 9, BC-DX via DXLD)

Mr. Weyl explained in his e-mail that AWR - and other broadcasters via DTK Juelich facility - are doing their \*own\* frequency selection management, and DTK therefore has nothing to do with bad broadcasting reception occurring in transmission target zone (DTK Juelich, Mr. Ralf Weyl, via Dr. Hansjoerg Biener, Germany, July 29, ibid.)

In the meantime, AWR Bulgarian program replaced 15415 by 13720 again.  
13720 1600-1659 28,29,38,39 100 kW 115 degr AWR  
(Wolfgang B, schel, Germany, July 31, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* HAWAII [non]. We just had "Lahaina Noon" at 12:37 PM HST when the sun is directly overhead and there is no shadow. Also, Russia on 1476 coming in quite well with a long boring sounding talk!

"Lahaina" is the name of a town on Maui's west coast. Years ago it was famous for whaling and it was noticed that at certain times the sun would appear to be directly overhead around noon time. Thus the expression "Lahaina Noon" came into being. This phenomenon happens every so often in different places in Hawaii, I don't know all the locations or times it happens. I do remember that as a kid over half a century ago while living on Oahu I did hear the expression used even then so I suppose it has a long term history. I doubt it has any effect on DXing! Aloha, (Chuck Boehnke, Keaau, Hawaii, Drake R8B with 300 foot Kahuna Dipole, <http://www.flex.com/~ccb> July 24, IRCA via DXLD)

\*\* INDONESIA. The following regionals I can hear around 1100 UT in the Philippines, July 14-18.

2960 RRI Manggarai. v3177.6 RSPDT2 Halmahera Tongha. 3214.9 RRI Menado had tx problems again, strong growl tone and weak audio.  
3264.7 RRI Gorontalo s-off around 1312\*. 3344.8 RRI Ternate. 3960.2 RRI Palu. 3976 RRI Pointianak s-on later than listed, on air varies sometime between 1100 and 1200.

4003.1 RRI Padang. 4606.4 RRI Seuri. 4753.3 RRI Makassar. 4789.1 RRI Fak-Fak. 4925 RRI Jambi. At around 0800-0900 6071.3 RRI Jayapura. 6153.3 RRI Biak, and 9552.3 RRI Makassar.

3325 RRI Palangkaraya not regular active. 2899 RPDT2 Ngada tentative, only weak carrier on channel.

9525 VOI not regular active at 0800, on July 14th also off-air. But at 1130 Jpn sce powerful S=9+50 dB !

9680 RRI Jakarta at around 1110. And 15125 & 11760 at 0400, "Warta Berita", sport reports, telephone call-in (Roland Schulze, Jul 18, BCDX July 29 via DXLD)

\*\* INTERNATIONAL VACUUM. Glenn, Sorry it's been so long since I've emailed, but due to an auto accident and recent surgery I've been somewhat out of commission. I work in the auto industry and can tell you why the XM release is going to be so splotchy (for lack of a better term). They had originally projected as offering XM radios as an OEM option for several auto manufacturers but as with all new projects they fell behind schedule. They are only focusing on a few markets to begin with, but as the manufacturers catch up, they will begin offering service in more markets and ultimately forced to as the car dealerships will have the units available as an option. In other words they sold the cart before the horse (Phil Marshall, July 27, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* IRAQ/KURDISTAN [nons]. [tent] Clandestines - The most powerful stn amongst those broadcasting to Kurdish areas is now "Sawt-o Khark-i Kurdistan" (approx. "Voice of the Toilers of Kurdistan"): Jul 7, \*1057-0330 (fade out), 1615-1800\* on 4250 in Ar & Kurdish.

Radio Kurdistan - Voice of KSD Party was re-activated, heard on July 7 on 4130, at \*1842-1952\* in Ar & Kurdish.

V of Iraqi Kurdistan since June 17: \*0350-0620 (fade out) on 7090 (x5860 & x4085), \*1500-1955\* on 5850 (x5860 & x4085).

R Baghdad (acc to ID) in Kurdish observed in June 19, 22, 23 & 26, \*0400-0600\* on 6645.

V of Mojahed in Persian daily with 1st progr: \*1030-1045\* on 10250 & 13420 (July 1), \*1100-1115\* on July 8th (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, Jul 7-19, BCDX July 29 via DXLD)

\*\* LAOS. Surprise of the week so far: Lao National Radio back on 7145. First noted 25 July just before 0200, with ID at top of the hour and into nx, all \\ 6130. I noticed several audio breaks on 7145 only during the following ten minutes, and 7145 had disappeared by next check at 0245. I suspect that the tx on 7145 may therefore be on test. Audio was similar to 6130, basically good, but with the same slightly 'echoey' effect. Signal strength also similar to 6130 (Alan Davies, Thailand, Jul 25, BC-DX via DXLD)

\*\* LIBERIA. Catholic radio station protests shortwave ban | Text of report in English by French news agency AFP

Monrovia, 30 July: Liberian Catholic radio station Veritas, targeted by President Charles Taylor's regime in the past, on Monday slammed a government move to ban its shortwave programmes.

Veritas station manager Ledger Hood Rennie said the station was paying fees to air programmes on both FM and shortwave frequencies "even for the period our shortwave has remained inoperational," referring to a recent breakdown and transmission problems.

"We know of no law that requires a radio station duly licensed to operate but which has suffered technical breakdown, to seek permission from the ministry of posts and telecommunications before resuming broadcast," the management said in a statement.

Rennie said Posts and Telecommunications Minister Emma Wuor had sent him a letter this month stating that the radio would not be allowed to resume broadcasts.

"Although we have not received information as to your readiness to resume operations, we regret to inform you that those shortwave stations in active operation at the moment will be the only shortwave broadcasting stations to operate in Liberia for now," the minister said.

"Any other interested person(s) or institutions wishing to have the privilege to operate shortwave in the country is hereby denied," her letter said.

The management said it would fight the order.

"Radio Veritas is not prepared to let this matter die unresolved ... Archbishop Michael Francis (the chairman of the board) has referred the matter to our lawyers to advise on the appropriate legal course of action," Rennie said.

Observers say the action is an attempt to have people living outside Monrovia listen only to the government views on national issues. Veritas has been consistently critical of Taylor's regime.

Only President Taylor's private Kiss FM radio currently operates a shortwave frequency in the country [Radio Liberia International which broadcasts on 5100 and 6100 kHz].

Taylor last March closed down the independent Star Radio station and Veritas but allowed the latter to re-open following intense domestic and international pressure.

Star Radio was founded in 1997 by the Swiss-based Hironnelle Foundation and funded by US, Swedish and Netherlands development agencies.

Veritas has been operating in Liberia since the 1980s. Its

headquarters in Monrovia were burnt down in 1996.

Source: AFP news agency, Paris, in English 1837 gmt 30 Jul 01 (via BBCM via DXLD) WTFK?

\*\* MALI. ORTM or simply R Mali, Bamako, on 5995 Jul 20 at 1831-1850 in Vn, tlks, adjacent QRM only, 33432, \\ to 2x60 mb.

7284.9 on 15 Jul at 1013-1105 in Fr, religious sermon, still audible after 1100, 15341, still audible after 1100, \\ to 31 mb whose tx was noted off for several occasions.

9634.3 on 24 Jul at 1502 in Vn, tlks, brief progr annt in Fr, 45444.

11960 on 24 Jul at 1445-1506 in Vn, tlks, tunes, 33432 adjacent QRM from TUR 11955 (Carlos L. R. de Assunção Gonçalves, Portugal, July 26, BCDX via DXLD)

\*\* MYANMAR. 6570, Myanmar Defense Forces Stn, current sked is 0130-0430, 0630-0930 & 1330-1630. The 0930-1330 break coincides with the minority lang. svc of Myanmar Radio from Yangon on 4725 (Alan Davies, Thailand, BCDX via DXLD)

\*\* MYANMAR. Burma: New English TV channel to project "true image abroad" | Text of editorial in English entitled: "Myanmar mosaic, a treat"; published by Burmese newspaper The New Light of Myanmar web site on 30 July

That the Myanmar [Burma] Radio and Television is launching a new channel MRTV 3 is certainly good news. Going global, one might say, for it will be beamed on the footprint of the telecast satellite MRTV is currently using. Technical details are published in this paper daily in advance of the launch date.

The footprint, according to technical sources, is capable of carrying the beam right into the homes of prospective viewers in some 120 countries, thrice a day beginning 4 August 2001. Understandably, MRTV 3 will facilitate projecting Myanmar's true image abroad more distinctly and more attractively, since a panoramic view will be created by new staff assisted by the veterans. Local news will be a major reflection of events here at home, interspersed with updates, situationers and suchlike as the telecast proceeds.

Viewers will be able to feast their eyes on Myanmar mosaic made up of cultural performances, arts and crafts, scenic spots, pristine beaches and others that would constitute culture tour or nature tour for those who would like to sample Myanmar before visiting here. Myanmar abounds with folk lore and traditional dances of the many

national races which have made Myanmar their hearth and home for centuries and their costumes, chants and dances mingle to make the telecasts more unique. All the wonders that viewers might sample are packed into each schedule, and at the flick of a button on the remote control, Voilá!, our friends abroad tuning in via satellite will be able to usher Myanmar right into their homes. Recipes and menus have been assembled to whet the taste-buds of viewers, and our good chefs will prepare savoury samples.

Delicious dishes, Myanmar's culinary delights, will be there on screen at your bidding, not difficult to prepare anywhere in the world, yet suiting your palate. Myanmar abounds in flora and fauna, what with her expanse of forest cover, and viewers will find it a treat to have some of them visit their homes. Wild geese, among the migratory birds which seek Myanmar's warmth when harsh winter comes to their natural habitat will be there to see and study, plus stints of bird-watching and other attractions of the eco-tours.

The weatherman or a lady fair will fill you in on the current situation, and commodity markets for importers, will keep you updated. Myanmar is ensconced in a tropical climate, straddling the equator. Yet from the snow-capped Mt. Khakaborazi in the far north, from the confluence of the Maikha and Malikha right to the sea, the mighty Ayeyawady [Irrawaddy] River flows, and along its banks there is much to tape for it stretches 1,238 miles to the south. The new channel is inter-active, to borrow the term. You can help the station improve by sending in reports. Happy Viewing! Source: The New Light of Myanmar web site, Rangoon, in English 30 Jul 01 (via BBCM via DXLD)

★★ OKLAHOMA. <http://www.angelfire.com/ok/worldofradio/Oklahoma7.html>

Although at one point believed to have expired the CP, after many, many years on the lists, including erroneous showings as an active station, KTTL 105.7 Alva OK is finally on the air. It may have been on somewhat earlier, but first run across here July 25, with slogans such as ``Total Hits 106``, ``More rock, less talk``, ``Light rock, less talk, KTTL``. Stereo confirmed. Legal ID at hourtop: ``KTTL, Alva``. ABC news on the hour. A few minutes earlier had local ads for Alva State Bank; and something in nearby Cherokee OK. Near-local signal in Enid, which is on the strong-signal contour from a site a few miles east of Alva, at 100000watts.com which gives this info:

KTTL 105.7 MHz  
Format: new  
ID: Alva OK/Enid OK  
Facilities: 492' 50 kw C2  
47 mile radius coverage area



Transmitter: 36 47' 6" N 98 33' 1" W

This signal, which also reaches nearly to Woodward, has long been feared, since it wipes out in Enid our already marginal reception of the University of Oklahoma public radio station relayed from Spencer, KROU 105.7. KGOU/KROU, however, keep promising that web streaming is imminent, and they are working on a high-power relay in western OK. See <http://www.kgou.org> :

``iStreaming -- The technology and equipment are in place! We are currently waiting for final clearance on a couple of programs before program streaming can begin. Stand by! An announcement will be placed on our web site when streaming is available.``

Ironically, however, tho KTTL may want to be part of the Enid market, as Chip seems to think, the closer to downtown Enid one gets, the more adjacent QRM from the mixing product of KBVV 91.1 and KLVV 98.3 translator, both transmitting from the Broadway Tower, on 105.5, which was also the bane of KROU. (7.2 MHz separations)

Both Enid's LPFMs, KLGB-94.3 and KUAL-104.7 appear to be on the air continuously now, not just testing. The latter has adopted the slogan ``Cool FM``, and even has a jingle package. Sounds like hard rock, not classic rock, to me now. Hey, if ``Kiss`` can be spelt WKQS, why can't ``Cool`` be spelt KUAL?

We are also pleased to report that the 88.9 translator in Guymon OK of KANZ-91.1 Garden City Kansas (High Plains Public Radio) has solved its phasing problem and can be heard clearly on US412 eastward from Guymon much further than before (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* OMAN. Radio Oman, Muscat. Address: Ministry of Information, PO Box 600, 113 Muscat, Oman. Tel: +968-603222. Fax: +968-603812. Web Site: <http://www.oman-tv.gov.om/> MW 576, 738, 1242 24 hours; SW portion of sked, in Arabic:

0000-0100	9.760
0100-0200	7.235
0200-0300	6.085 7.235
0300-0400	6.085
0400-0600	9.515 15.355
0600-1000	13.640 17.630
1000-1400	13.640
1400-1500	15.375
1500-1800	15.140 15.375
1800-2000	6.190 15.355
2000-2200	6.085 9.735
2200-2300	9.735

2300-2400 9.760

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Radio Oman English Service

Daily ENGLISH 15.140-(1400-1500), 15.355-(0300-0400)

(© BBC Monitoring July 25, condensed for DXLD)

\*\* PERU. 4992.5, R Ancash, 1037 July 27, strong signal, very clean audio. Sounds much stronger lately, new TX? Andean folk mx between SS commentary by OM. Couple of IDs in passing @ 1039 (David Hodgson, TN, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* PERU. R Tacna, 9504.6 at 2237-2250 in Sp, airing an interview program on taxation in Peru, 24432, adjacent QRM only.

R Victoria Lima, 9720.4 at 2251-2307 in Sp, px annts followed by px "Juventud en Acci n", 24432 (Carlos L. R. de Assun  o Gon  alves, Portugal, July 16, BC-DX via DXLD)

\*\* PERU. 5341.03 Radio Nuevo Horizonte, Retamas, el distrito de Parcoy, la provincia de Pataz, el departamento de La Libertad. July 16 2001 - 1100 UT. A totally unknown station which I heard for the first time in the morning this date. Has been on air daily both mornings and evenings with approximate schedule from 1000 to 0400 UT. Ads only from the city of Retamas. Is certainly owned by the mining company "Consortio Minero Horizonte", which several times a day has a programme called "Seguridad y trabajo" consisting of Peruvian and other LA-music mixed with enumeration of all kinds of rules and regulations how to run and handle a mine. Heard exactly in the edge of a utility station and therefore I have to listen in USB with narrow bandwidth. Drifting a few 1/100-parts up/down. ID: "Radio Nuevo Horizonte, desde la capital de oro, La Libertad, present   "Seguridad y trabajo". Jingle: "La n  mero uno en tu coraz  n". Announcing 5340 kHz and FM 105.5 MHz. Morning programme: "Amanecer campesino" and Evening programme: "Una cita con el amor". Contact the station via FAX (51)1 4763497, (51)1 2253564 (Minera Aur  fera Retamas). Consortio Minero Horizonte can be visited at: <http://www.cmh.com.pe/toc.htm>

6249.70, Radio La Voz de Andahuaylas, Andahuaylas, la provincia de Andahuaylas, el departamento de Apur  mac. July 2001 - 1030 UT. With the programme "Amanecer campesino" and ads for bullfighting "corrida de toros". The ads are handled by an incredibly loud-voiced DJ -- on the contrary the usual DJ is calm and collected, heard with perfect quality. I have never before logged this station. Maybe reactivated or normally buried in utility-QRM. Listed on 6250v kHz.

Info from "Ventanaper  ": Provincia de Andahuaylas, cuya capital es Andahuaylas. Sus istritos son: Andahuaylas, Andarapa, Chiara,

Huancarama, Huancaray, Huayana, Kishuara, Pacobamba, Pacucha, Pampachiri, Pomacocha, San Antonio de Cachi, San Jer nimo, Santa Mar a de Chicmo, San Miguel de Chaccrampa, Talavera, Tumay, Turpo, Huaraca; con una poblaci n total de 125,841 hab. (Bj rn Malm, Quito, Ecuador, SW Bulletin July 29, translated by editor Thomas Nilsson for DXLD)

\*\* POLAND. Radio Polonia announced plans to expand their Postbag programme to include phone in discussions with listeners on topical issues. The first programme was 20th July with club member Nick Sharpe taking part in the debate over Poland's EU membership. Listeners are asked to send in their phone details if interested in taking part (Jonathan Murphy, Ireland, August World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

\*\* RUSSIA. Subject: Tests to North America

We will carry out some test relays to North America according to the following schedule:

July 30 (Mo):

1400-1500      15605 kHz

July 31 (Tu):

0200-0300      7400 kHz

1400-1500      17690 kHz

August 1 (We):

0200-0300      9940 kHz

1400-1500      17690 kHz

August 2 (Th):

0200-0300      9940 kHz

Relay program: Radio Gardarika.

E-mail: studiosw@metroclub.ru

Postal address: Radio Gardarika, Ligovsky prospect 174, St.Petersburg, 192007, Russia.

I will be glad to receive by e-mail (timofeyev@sp.ru) any of your comments about these transmissions. All time in UTC (Mikhail Timofeyev, St.Petersburg, Russia, July 26, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I've just heard the first few minutes of the test from Radio Gardarika from St. Petersburg, at 1400 on 15605 with man and woman announcing in Russian, mentioned 41-meter frequency, also English from female with telephone number, and e-mail and postal addresses.

Signal was SIO 343, s-meter was at S9 on the Drake SW8. At 1406 it continued with pop music (Joe Hanlon in Philadelphia, USA, July 30, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Dear Glenn, Radio Studio Gardarika good to excellent here with its North-American test on 15605 kHz at 1400 utc (today July 30). Many announcements in English/Russian, with mention of "7370 kHz" which is their evening time European frequency, so this must be a recorded program. Best 73, (Stefano Valianti, Bologna, Italy, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Zilch here on 17690 at 1400+ UT July 31; but all 16m signals, including WYFR, Cuba and Antigua were attenuated due to a disturbance. Just remembered to check August 1 at 0257 and found 9940 with music rather fluttery but fair to good signal and no QRM; 0300 sharp seeming Gardarika ID, open carrier, 0301\* (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

\*\* RUSSIA [and non]. Perhaps an explanation of my cryptic remark about Grigoriopol' is also reasonable: Voice of Russia just started to use two formerly abandoned Ukrainian MW outlets, Krasne 936 and Petrivka 1278, the latter one a classic 100 kW domestic service outlet which carried UR3 "Radio Muz" until UR had to abandon many MW transmitters for budget reasons. Krasne 936 is operated with a highly directional "Bolshaya Zarya" antenna, aiming at 232 degrees, so Moldova and the surrounding regions are outside the main beam. Bernd Trutenau points out a dramatic deterioration of the relationships between the Kremlin and the separatist administration at Tiraspol'. The Balkan programming of VoR is currently carried from Grigoriopol' on 621, so the new arrangement in the Ukraine with the added 1278 transmitter near Odessa is quite interesting, isn't it? (Kai Ludwig, Germany, July 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UKRAINE/MOLDOVA 936 Lviv-UKR / 1278 Odessa-UKR. Re V of Russia to Balkan via Lviv 936 and VOR "Commonwealth" programme via Petrivka (Odessa-UKR) 1278. These are speculative thoughts, but the recent opening of these frequencies by VOR might be seen as a preparation for a possible pull-out from the Maiac site in Moldova, as a part of Russia's renewed policy towards the separatists in Trans[d]nistria (Russian: Pridnestrovye).

After repeated provocations in recent months by the separatist leadership in Trans[d]nistria both towards the new communist govt in Chisinau as well as towards Russia, the Kremlin is about to lose its patience with the leaders in Tiraspol'. The result could be serious actions against Transnistria from the Russian side, including an information blockade.

Currently, the VOR Balkan broadcasts on 936 are running in \\ with

Maiac 621 kHz and may replace the Maiac transmissions at any time. The choice of Petrivka 1278 kHz (150 kW) near the border to Moldova on the other hand could indicate that Moldova - and that means first of all the Russian population in Trans[d]nistria, is one of the major targets of these broadcasts (Bernd Trutenau, Lithuania, Jul 21, BC-DX via DXLD)

Yes, VOR via Petrivka-UKR 1278 noted prior to 1900, when Strasbourg became too dominant. Certainly this outlet is a convenient completion to 936, which I guess covers Moldova, the eastern part of Romania and Bulgaria not so well through its Bolshaya Zarya aiming roughly at Zagreb (232 degrees). Appears indeed like a replacement arrangement for Grigoriopol' ... Perhaps RRT prepares behind the scenes also to throw in Kopani and/or Krasne on shortwave? A wild guess: Perhaps 12040 was switched between different txs to test them? (Kai Ludwig, Germany, July 22, BC-DX via DXLD)

\*\* SICILY. On 4995 USB the AFRTS, Italy, doesn't come in tonight and who knows, never again (Piet Pijpers, The Netherlands, July 26, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* SPAIN. Greetings; REE heard on 18165 at 0230 UT 28/07/01 with moderate signal in Spanish. RX: Icom R75. ANT: 16m inverted L indoors 73s (Lionel Roithmeir, Guernsey - Channel Islands, harmonics via DXLD) 3 x 6055

\*\* TAIWAN. 27/07/01. Dear All, I was just listening (1615-1645 UT on 11550 kHz) to a brand new exciting program by Radio Taipei Int'l titled 'Groove Zone' hosted by RTI's well known presenter Andrew Ryan & Guest DJ Ellen Chu. They bring their vastly different backgrounds and experiences to the program as they introduce what's hot in Taiwan along with nice music and solicit input from listeners around the world. Tune in to this new exciting program on RTI & send your comments to: androo@cbs.org.tw Warm Regards, (Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, India, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* TAIWAN. You can add Radio Taipei International to your list of stations offering on-demand programming via the Internet. <http://www.cbs.org.tw/english/index.htm> takes you to a recently upgraded website with links to the two on-demand programs available. Other programming information is available as well. They must be using relatively new encoding software -- it shows as "RealAudio 8" in my PC's player (Richard Cuff, Allentown, PA, USA , July 26, swprograms via DXLD)

\*\* TAJIKISTAN. 11500, 1520-1557, Voice of Russia World Service, Dushanbe/Orzu (per ILG) English to S. Asia. Fairly strong but distorted. SIO 433. Sent E-mail with excerpts from KALEIDOSCOPE

program. Asked Where is Kurgan-Tyube region (Bill Flynn, OR, July 29, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* TURKEY/TEXAS. Voice of Turkey Special DX Corner in memoriam to Gigi Lytle

I've just finished working out the details with Reshide Morali of the 'Voice of Turkey'; no one there till I emailed them on Sunday July 22, had heard Gigi passed away last year! Due to the fact Gigi was an avid listener, and we all recall her, Reshide and I have joined forces for the October 27, 2001 edition of 'DX Corner' to be dedicated to Gigi's memory. Please go to my site, <http://www.ka2emz.com> and look for a link to send your recollections and memories of Gigi to Reshide. We as many of you recall, had a moment of silence to several people, notably Gigi at the 14th annual Winter SWL Fest banquet in March. Let's not let the spirit die. 73s, (Bill KA2EMZ Bergadano, swprograms via DXLD)

\*\* TURKEY. Programme Schedule for 3rd Quarter: July to September 2001

Monday:

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News and the Press Review  
Last Week  
Hues and Colours of Anatolia  
Music  
Developing Turkey

Tuesday:

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\*Programme I\*:  
News and the Press Review  
Daughters of Kybele  
Letter from Mary  
Sweet Turkey  
\*Programme II\*:  
News and the Press Review  
Live from Turkey

Wednesday:

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News and Press Review  
Review of Foreign Media  
Letter Box  
Music  
From the World of Science

Thursday:

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News and Press Review  
Impressions of Turkey  
Turkey, A Haven for Tourists  
Pearl of the Mediterranean

Friday:

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News and Press Review  
ANKARA  
Music  
Turkish Album

Saturday:

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News and Press Review  
Outlook  
DX/Music  
A Diary of Istanbul  
From the Past to Present

Sunday:

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News and Press Review  
The Blue Voyage  
Music  
Turkey: Winter Wonderland

Programme 2 is the live broadcast Tuesday 2200-2300 (Printed programme schedule via Roy Patrick, Derby, UK, World DX Club via DXLD)

\*\* UGANDA. 4976, Radio Uganda, 1840-1930 July 26, back on old frequency again and as usual fading in as one of the first and certainly strongest African stations in our hot and still getting hotter evenings. No ID at 1900, but news in English was read until 1917 mentioning Kampala quite a lot, then some local music. At 1920 presumed news in vernacular. Not parallel to 5026 at 1900, not to my ears at least and not at 1937 either when on both frequencies snatches of local music were heard. Nothing heard on 7195 (Piet Pijpers, The Netherlands, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* UKRAINE. Glenn, July 25, 2001 0000 UT 12040 kHz is not English. Hopefully, I'll receive a reply from Alexander soon. 73, (-... . Kraig, KG4LAC, Krist, DXLD)

Glenn, I'm forwarding some info from Alexander Yegorov about RUI. Also, after 2 days of English being AWOL on RUI English returned July

26, 2001 0000 UT 12040 kHz. No mention of missing the past 2 days.  
73, ( -... . Kraig, KG4LAC, Krist, July 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

----- Original Message -----

From: "A.Egorov" egorov@nrcu.gov.ua  
Sent: Wednesday, July 25, 2001 8:29 AM  
Subject: Re: RUI

The shortwave projects will be made as usual by Concern RRT. I may only to consult them from my monitoring position and to correct the schedule according with the needs of Radio Company.

"Bad news: yesterday the Brovary Radio Centre was switched off on Short and Medium waves. I don't know for how long time."

How does the above affect the RUI broadcasts? RUI has now acting 2 Txs in Kharkiv and 2 - in Mykolaiv. That's all. 4 Txs were in Brovary (Kyiv). With the best regards, (Alexander Yegorov, via Kraig Krist, DXLD)

Later July 25, Alex answered about English missing at 0000 UT for two days: That was a fault of our technicians, and soon it must be corrected (via Kraig Krist, DXLD)

\*\* UKRAINE. Had a short break of the sleep tonight, just before 0200 UT, and was surprised to hear very crystal clear audio on Kiev's 9640 towards Northern Kazakhstan at 74 degra, that's the back lobe of 254 degra path towards Germany.

Kharkiv 7320 towards North was 'over all' more on medium to poor level, and suffered from co-ch QRM, seemingly BBC Cyprus in Hindi and Urdu.

7150 carrier was still on air before 0200 UT, and then present much better at the hour, better than 12040, which is always fluttery like at 2300 and before 0400 UT also (Wolfgang B.schel, Germany, July 22, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Alexander Yegorov, Ukraine, reports in DX\_BISTRO today that the Kopani tx on 12040 has been switched to a different antenna system with an extra narrow beam for NAM at 314 degrees (instead of 307 with standard diagramme). (Bernd Trutenau, Lithuania, Jul 23, BCDX via DXLD)

RUI 12040: The original report from A. Yegorov mentioned an "extra narrow beam". I guess this means that a monster size curtain, 8/8 or perhaps even 8/16, is now in use. Regards, (Kai Ludwig, Germany, July 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)



\*\* U A E/ U K. Merlin signs Emirates SW transmitter deal | Text of press release from UK transmission company Merlin Communications on 27 July

Merlin Communications, the global communications facilities management company, has signed a Heads of Agreement contract to operate and maintain Emirates Media's shortwave transmitter site in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), starting 1st August 2001.

The signing of this contract will see Merlin further enhance and expand its global comprehensive shortwave broadcasting network. These outstanding facilities provide a new dimension to Merlin's broadcasting capabilities offering exceptional coverage of key target regions in the Middle East, Africa, Central Asia, Eastern Europe and the Indian subcontinent. The final contract to be signed within 45 days will enable Merlin to sell capacity to international broadcasters interested in transmitting to these regions.

The shortwave facility consists of four 500-kW transmitters that are able to operate at half power, providing customers with cost effective coverage of key target regions. The site also includes 41 fixed antenna systems, as well as 2 rotating antennas, which will enable broadcasters to accurately pinpoint their target audience.

Mahmood al-Redha, Emirates Media's Head of Transmission (TV & Radio) said: "Merlin's expertise and experience in the operation and maintenance of similar global transmission facilities made them the clear choice when seeking a partner. We are delighted to be associated with such a prestigious international network provider, and look forward to working together to develop this facility in the future."

Merlin's Director of International Communications and Digital Services, Rory Maclachlan said: "The Emirates Media facility is at the heart of the world's major shortwave listening populations, and will enable us to expand our comprehensive network of global shortwave sites and coverage of these regions. The current operation and maintenance of the facility is second to none and will enable us to fully utilise the facility from day one. Merlin is currently discussing this facility and its capabilities with several international broadcasters who are very excited about this unique opportunity. Some of our existing customers, including the BBC World Service, Radio Canada International and Nippon Hoso Kyokai (NHK) will commence services from this facility imminently." Source: Merlin Communications press release, London, in English 27 Jul 01 (via BBCM via DXLD)

\*\* U K. Subject: [BDXC-UK] Caroline shortwave licence?  
DX Information from the British DX Club (BDXC-UK).

Could someone explain the significance of the following on  
<http://www.radioauthority.org.uk/Licensees/satellite/SA072.htm>  
as it seems the Radio Authority has issued them with a shortwave  
licence!!! (note I have copied this for comment to Trevor Brook who  
hasn't been able to get a shortwave licence):

Radio Caroline  
Licence Number: SA072  
Rock music from 60s & 70s, news concerning ecological, environmental,  
conservation issues & events within the radio industry. Plus  
religious segments i.e. sermons, religious music & discussions

6210 kHz

ORIGINAL AIR DATE: 20 Jan 1999 /LICENCE EXPIRY DATE: 19 Jan 2004  
426 Archway Road, Highgate Road, London N6 4JH  
Tel : 020 8340 3831 Fax : 020 8340 3075  
e-mail: [mail@radiocaroline.co.uk](mailto:mail@radiocaroline.co.uk)  
Website: <http://www.radiocaroline.co.uk>

Peter Moore Last Updated : 20 Jul 2001  
(via Mike Terry, JULY 31, BDXC-UK via DXLD)

{Not so! See DXLD 1-104}

\*\* U K. 30 July 2001: The BBC has denied claims by some journalists  
at BBC Monitoring that its plans to develop a network of independent  
contractors in North Africa to monitor Arab broadcasts will lead to a  
reduction of coverage. The journalists had claimed that the move will  
jeopardise the BBC's ability to provide rapid and accurate coverage  
of, for example, the highly volatile Maghreb region, and will signal  
that Arab affairs are no longer important for Britain. But a BBC  
statement said "We believe this is the best route to improved  
coverage through a wider range of sources available in the countries  
concerned. We will retain an Arabic language capability at Caversham  
into the future to provide a range of reporting for our customers, as  
well as surge capacity during major crises and back-up for our team  
of contractors. No permanent staff will be made redundant. This  
project will be implemented in stages with training and checks on the  
quality of reporting coming from our new team of contractors.  
Briefing and consultation with staff will continue throughout the  
transition period. In due course it is expected they will assume the  
major part of monitoring activity in North Africa." (© Radio  
Netherlands Media Network via DXLD)

\*\* U K. (BBCR4) "Best Sellers:" The Radio Comedy of Peter Sellers

This week, BBC R4 began four part series look back on Peter Sellers' radio comedy ("Best Sellers"):

"Best Sellers" Tuesdays (thru August 14), 1130 AM [=1030 UT, 530 AM CDT] BBC4's write up includes audio clips from the 40's and later  
[http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/discover/feats/discover\\_features.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/discover/feats/discover_features.shtml)

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[From The Independent (U.K.) article included below:

The Independent - United Kingdom; Jul 27, 2001  
<http://globalarchive.ft.com/globalarchive/articles.html?id=010727001565&query=BBC+Radio>

"We have the technology to make anyone funny" BY MILES KINGTON

THERE'S A SERIES going out at the moment on Radio 4 about Peter Sellers, in which they have dug up some very early recordings of his first outings on TV and radio.

One sketch, now 50 years old, was particularly interesting, because it depended on your knowledge of technology to make you laugh. We tend to think that technology is something that happens only today, but of course the history of technology covers the invention of gunpowder and construction of the pyramids, as well as mobile phones...

Anyway, Sellers played the part of a Hungarian professor who had just arrived in Britain. He spoke quite good English. But halfway through every sentence he made a sizzling noise. "I am very glad to be here in Britain where sizzle sizzle fizz pop the weather is so nice and cool..."

"Where did you learn to speak such good English?" said the interviewer.

"Oh, by listening to... crinkle crackle fizz... short wave radio," said Sellers as the Hungarian.

Nice idea. But funny? Not really now. Technology has moved on. You might still make jokes about interference on police messages on short wave, but the vagaries of long-distance radio..?

The last comedian whom I can remember doing it was, of all people, Kingsley Amis.

Somewhere in the bowels of the BBC archives there is a recording of Amis doing his imitation of President Roosevelt doing a radio broadcast to Europe. It was quite a good imitation of an American president. But what made it special was that he incorporated the fading and strengthening of transatlantic radio signals into his imitation, so that a straight American accent would gradually descend into total interference and then rise above it again. Clever stuff. Funny.

Or it would be, if we had ever listened to wartime broadcasts ebb and flow in that manner and knew what he was parodying. Every time technology advances, it brings new jokes and kills old jokes, and when that new advance is superseded, the new jokes die with it. There must have been good jokes about stagecoach travel. About canal trade. About tall ships and hot-air balloons. Where are they now?

Even phone jokes live and die. In my youth there was a riddle about the Pope: Q. What's the Pope's phone number? A. VAT 69. Impossible to tell that joke now, because we don't have letters in phone numbers, certainly not abbreviations like REG for Regent, or VAT for Vatican, and maybe we don't have VAT 69 whisky any more either, which I would know for sure one way or the other if I had a research department.

Incidentally, would you like another long-lost phone joke? Of course you would. Here we go: Q. A man has lost his hat. What is his phone number? A. AVEnue 1 ( ='Ave a new one... ). Here's another one. Q. His brother loses his hat as well. What is his phone number? A. AVEnue 12. ( `Ave a new one, too. ) Pretty hot stuff, eh? But they make no sense in an all-digital age.

There was a time when I played the double bass in the brilliant cabaret quartet Instant Sunshine, and one of our surefire numbers was the imitation of an old 78 record player that went too slow, and then stuck in a groove, and then went too fast.

Believe me, it was very funny. But not everyone laughed, and among those there must have been some who had never seen a 78 player in action. I myself have an old 78 player in my possession, and when I wind it up and demonstrate it to visiting children, they go very quiet at the idea that quite good sound reproduction can be obtained without the benefit of electricity, but none of them ever expresses a desire to have one.

And now we come to the modern era, and to such jokes as the one perpetrated on Ned Sherrin's Radio 4 programme Loose Ends by the man calling himself Crichton Wheeler, who purported to have Splicer's Disease and spoke as if his sentences had been badly tape-edited. (It

was quite funny the first time round. It was just a shame that Sherrin elected to have him on his programme week after week after week, as it was always the same joke.)

And beyond that we have all the computer jokes and all the text-messaging jokes and all the mobile-phone jokes, stretching away to eternity, and I might tell you some if I knew any, but all I know about them for certain is this: one day not too far away they will all in their turn be as dead and buried as jokes about semaphore and Morse code (via Chet Copeland/nyc, July 27, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U K. Here's a silly story:

For BBC, read Banned Biscuit Corporation  
MediaGuardian.co.uk  
Matt Wells, media correspondent  
Tuesday July 24 2001  
The Guardian

First the croissants got the chop; now it seems that even a couple of Rich Teas and a chocolate digestive are an extravagance too far in Greg Dyke's parsimonious BBC.

Biscuits are to be banned as the corporation cuts back on the amount of free refreshments consumed by staff at internal meetings, according to an internal memo seen by the Guardian...

Full story:  
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/Archive/Article/0,4273,4227589,00.html>

(via Bill Westenhaver, DXLD)

\*\* U K [non]. DX Information from the British DX Club (BDXC-UK).  
From: RadioCarolineMailinglist@yahooogroups.com  
tonychristian558@aol.com  
Update! Radio Caroline will be heard on shortwave 17.495, Monday thru Friday 1700-1800 hrs, and on 7.415, [NO TIMES GIVEN! -gh] Thursday-Friday-Saturday and Sunday, at present but no doubt WBCQ may offer us more airtime, after hearing the quality of our programmes which now will run alongside the output of the internet programmes on that amazing NL website with the kind help of Adrian, so you could also be listening to programmes on NL and WBCQ, safe eh, both angles covered, so let's now look forward to another step in broadcasting and thank the opportunity that we have been offered; let's hope all goes to plan. I promise that I will put my all into this project, with the backing of Mission Control who has handed this to me to administer, and hope to start this new venture on August 14th [sic], LA Tony (via Mike Terry, BDXC-UK via DXLD) {7415 only, not 17495; see DXLD 1-106}

\*\* U K [non]. Radio Ezra received 76 reports from 19 countries. He was surprised to learn the transmitter site was not Belgium and has asked anyone who can confirm Bulgaria as the site to contact him. He may return and believes ``a more receptive ear may be found among the nations of the South Pacific which have only in recent history been contaminated by what I call pagan Christianity``. He continues: ``I thank you all for listening and understand the general feeling among DXers that there are too many radio ministries out there. I agree with you wholeheartedly! But Radio Ezra is unique. It was entirely funded by me on the smallest budget imaginable. Radio Ezra's recording studio is the area on the upstairs landing of my two bedroom terraced house. Its funding came entirely from a personal savings plan that I had to run alongside all the usual bills and outgoings. No, I haven't recently won the National Lottery. I work 9 to 5 in a miserable overcrowded sweaty call centre for 9662 pounds a year. You don't need to be rich to own your own radio station and I would wholeheartedly recommend shortwave. Forget about the BBC pulling the plug on its North American and Pacific service. Shortwave is still the only cost effective way of reaching a global audience and if I can do it so can you (Station website via Mike Barraclough, August World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

\*\* U S A. Unidentified, 4860, mixing product, 0005 UT 28 July, Rather strong mixing product. Brother Stair and Latin American px, station mixing. I could only find one // on 7460, and that was for Bro Stair. Couldn't find a fundamental. Most likely from USA. Didn't have enough time to spend on this one. Will keep on trying (David Hodgson, TN, USA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I figure this is 7460 minus  $2 \times 1300 = 4860$ . 1300 being WWCR's AM station WNQM, transmitter at the same site, which runs a lot in Spanish. However, David is in Nashville, so could be receiver-overload-produced? (gh, DXLD)

Glenn is correct. I just checked @ 0030, and the other station in the mixing product is WNQM 1300 MW. This is the station I grew up listening to, when AM radio ruled. I also checked 2600, and there is a dirty 2nd harmonic there, at fair strength. I think there may be enough strength to this mixing product to skip at least one hop away. It will be interesting if anyone hears this outside of Nashville (-David Hodgson, TN, August 1, harmonics via DXLD) {more: DXLD 1-104}

\*\* U S A. 18990, WHRI (2 x 9495), 2225, 24 July, Fundamentalist Christian px. Positive audio match of fundamental. Full World Harvest Radio ID @ 2230, then network nx. Fair strength (David Hodgson, TN USA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. Subject: NEW SHORTWAVE STATION!

From: "Roadranger" wwfv@ellijay.com

Newsgroups: rec.radio.shortwave

Date: Thu, 26 Jul 2001 16:57:01 -0500

WORLD WIDE CHRISTIAN VOICE

RADIO STATION WWCV, MANCHESTER TENNESSEE

4 EACH 50 / 100 KW FULLY FREQUENCY AGILE 1- 30 MHZ AM TRANSMITTERS

2 EACH 190 FEET HIGH RHOMBICS; AZIMUTHS 340 AND 045 DEGREES

FULL RECRIPICAL [sic] FEED CAPABILITIES AZIMUTHS 160 AND 225 DEGREES

4 EACH 190 FEET HIGH PHASED CORNER REFLECTOR(S) AZIMUTHS;  
360, 090, 180, 270 DEGREES

2 EACH 190 FEET HIGH 7 ELEMENT WIDE SPACED YAGI ANTENNAS AZIMUTHS;  
310 DEGREES AND 130 DEGREES (via John Norfolk, DXLD)

\*\* U S A. Subject: [SWL] VOA DELANO CALIFORNIA. Greetings from Southern California-Orange County! Several days ago, I went with a group of SWLers to tour the VOA Delano site. We spent about two hours at the site and a lot of questions were asked and answered. I put forth the question..... Does Delano send out QSL Cards?? The answer was YES!!! Unfortunately, their address is mainly unknown throughout the hobby BUT no more!!! Send your reception reports of transmissions from Delano to: John Vodenik, VOA Delano, 11015 Melcher, Delano, California, 93215, USA. John told me that he would be happy to reply to all reception reports sent to him. Before it closed-down, John was also working at the Bethany, Ohio site. So, if you have some Bethany QSL cards, his signature may be on them!!! Good Listening and DX!!! (Stewart H. MacKenzie - WDX6AA "World Friendship Through Shortwave Radio Listening", DXLD){Later: JV will QSL DL only} ASWLC: <http://www.ocnow.com/community/groups/shortwaveradio> SCADS: <http://www.ocnow.com/community/groups/radiocommunications>

\*\* U S A [non]. Concerning the new 600 kW MW txs to be installed for the VOA. Most interesting - and particularly the one to be installed in Morocco too. I assume that one will be utilised for their Arabic language sce, and perhaps to include parts of W Africa? When there was talk of the new Cyprus MW stn replacing Rhodes I thought that seemed a little "strange", because Rhodes should be well received in Libya and Tunisia - especially if their antenna was re-configured. And the new Cyprus stn should give stronger signals around the East Med in particular. Djibouti will certainly be an excellent location, and I guess they have Sudan in mind, rather than friendly neighbour Sa'udi Arabia (Noël R. Green, UK, July 22, BCDX via DXLD)

Re: The 1 megawatt for Continental will be on 837 kHz. The word is, it's headed to the Middle East:

837 is registered for Iran Shiraz site, 400 kW (ed. BC-DX via DXLD)

Also German TELEFUNKEN company Berlin, which built SW, LW, and MW highpower tx units in the past, merged/purchased by Continental Dallas-TX in about 1996. But last year a buy-out took place, and the remaining Telefunken Berlin staff founded a new tx factory, which produces MW (&LW?) txs only, no SW units anymore. Telefunken produce the txs under the header TRAM (Wolfgang B. Schel, Germany, DXLD)

\*\* U S A [non]. Chile non: R·dio "Voz Crist,," heard in Portuguese, July 31, "em car·cter experimental", 2000-2100 on 21500, and 2100-2200 on 11745. Reports requested to the usual Miami address; envelopes should indicate "Serviço português" (Henrik Klemetz, Sweden, July 31, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. Following up on the link I sent and your DXLD report: Alas, it appears the Top Secret Government was not at fault here! (Harry Helms, Co-founder and West Coast publisher, LLH Technology Publishing [www.LLH-Publishing.com](http://www.LLH-Publishing.com) [www.eBookTech.com](http://www.eBookTech.com), DXLD)

Update On Radio Station  
Zapping & Electro-Fried Birds  
From Mike Vanhooser  
[novaelec@airmail.net](mailto:novaelec@airmail.net)  
<http://www.rense.com/general12/update.htm> 7-25-1... (via Helms, DXLD)

\*\* U S A. Subject : The X Band situation  
Date : Wed, 25 Jul 2001 14:02:15 -0700 (PDT)

I made a lot of phone calls this morning on my cellphone which didn't cost me anything, as I get plenty of time that I never use and long distance included. Here is what I found out about the X Banders that have not come on as yet.

1620-WJRZ-NJ- Just an application, no CP

1620-KNNT-NM- has been sold no plans, not certain where the old CP even went.

1620-KHRT-ND- GM said they were still thinking about it, but have no plans now.

1620-WAZG-SC- has been sold, so no plans, again not certain where the old CP went.



1630-KOME-CA- will come on soon(?) but no date. [NOT: see DXLD 1-104}

1630-KNAX-TX- station for sale, but no takers (970), so who knows according to CE. The call letter change was a whim, as it doesn't mean anything.

1640-WVMI-MS. This is an interesting one. According to the CE, there was just an application, no CP as far as he could find. It may have been a whim, as they have trouble keeping the 570 30 year old TX on the air along with the directional pattern. So I wouldn't hold my breath on this.

1640-WLHJ-NC, phone number no good, will have to try a new number.

1640-KMKZ-OK, no one knew anything and the GM & CE were out.

1650-WAZJ-GA, no plans at this time.

1650-KBIV-TX, phone number no good, will have to try a new number.

1660-WBHE-NC, no one knew anything, will have to call back CE.

1670-KSUL-CA, Will come on it time, but station is for sale, I was told.

\*\*1680-KRJO-LA, should be on the air soon according to secretary. Look for it!

1680-KAZJ-WA, will be on in the future, but no date.

1690-WSWK-GA, no one knew, the CE was out.

\*\*1690-WHTE-IL, this one will be on by August 2001 with Sports Talk. The GM has the tx 10/1 KW set up and just needs some parts. Look for it!

1700-WAYU-NH, this one is not planned. Too bad; I was hoping for NH.

1700-KCHT-OR, still planned, no date.

1700-WEZI-VA, also this one is not planned either.

So the only two I can find that should be one very soon is IL-1690 & LA-1680. Clovis, CA 1630 also could be on soon.

73s, (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, KAVT Reception Manager, NRC-AM July 25 via DXLD)

\*\* U S A. SB QST @ ARL \$ARLB028  
ARLB028 ARRL Petitions for New 60-Meter Amateur Band

ZCZC AG28 QST de W1AW ARRL Bulletin 28 ARLB028  
From ARRL Headquarters Newington CT July 26, 2001  
To all radio amateurs

SB QST ARL ARLB028  
ARLB028 ARRL Petitions for New 60-Meter Amateur Band

A petition filed this week by the ARRL could result in a new high-frequency band for US amateurs. The ARRL has asked the FCC to allocate 5.250 to 5.400 MHz to the Amateur Service on a domestic (US-only), secondary basis.

The League told the FCC that the new band would aid emergency communication activities by filling a ''propagation gap'' between 80 and 40 meters. ''There are times on certain paths when a frequency in the 80-meter band is too low, and a frequency in the 40-meter band is too high for reliable ionospheric propagation,'' the ARRL said in its petition. The ARRL said the propagation gap can hamper communication between the US and the Caribbean during a hurricane or severe weather emergency.

The ARRL Board of Directors approved the proposal at its July 20-21 meeting. The FCC has not yet invited public comments on the petition. Even if the petition finds favor with the FCC, it's likely to be several years before the new band actually becomes available.

As proposed by the ARRL, amateurs General class and higher would be permitted to operate phone, data, image and RTTY on the new band running maximum authorized power. No mode-specific subbands were proposed.

The ARRL said a new 150-kHz allocation at 5 MHz also could relieve substantial overcrowding that periodically occurs on 80 and 40. If the new band is approved, hams would have to avoid interfering with--and accept interference from--current occupants of the spectrum, as they already do on 30 meters. The band 5.250 to 5.450 MHz now is allocated to Fixed and Mobile services on a co-primary basis in all three ITU regions.

The ARRL's petition cites the success of the League's WA2XSY experimental operation in the 60-meter band, carried out since 1999, which confirmed the communication reliability of 60 meters.

''An amateur allocation in this band would improve the Amateur Service's already exemplary record of providing emergency

communications during natural disasters when even modern communications systems typically fail," the ARRL concluded.

A copy of the ARRL petition is available on the ARRL Web site, <http://www.arrl.org/announce/regulatory/5MHz>

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/EX (via Brock Whaley, John Norfolk, Bill Smith, DXLD)

{What is it with these hams? Can count by multiples of 5, not by ones? The term ``60 meters`` is already taken for the tropical broadcast band mostly below 5.0 MHz, which really *is* at 60 meters. The proposed ham band is a lot closer to 55 meters, which they ought to be able to handle -gh}

\*\* U S A. Estados Unidos:

¿PORQU... LAS NUEVAS TRANSMISIONES DE LA VOA HACIA LA REGIÓN ANDINA?

El pasado 09 de Julio del presente año, La Voz de los Estados Unidos inició nuevas emisiones en español hacia los países de la región andina. Las mismas están en operación desde las 11:30 hasta las 12:00 UTC, en las frecuencias de: 9.535, 11.925, y 13.790 Khz a través del transmisor de Greenville, Carolina de Norte.

Hasta los momentos dichas transmisiones presentan música latina, algunos comentarios de los diferentes corresponsales que tiene la VOA tanto en los Estados Unidos como en los países de la Región Andina, prometiendo en el futuro convertirse en servicio noticioso para dar a conocer el acontecer diario de esa importante área geográfica de la América del Sur.

Sin embargo cabe preguntarse, ¿Porqué la VOA decide abrir un nuevo servicio en onda corta hacia esta parte del mundo, cuando hasta hace sólo unos 3 años aproximadamente, había decidido suprimir sus transmisiones por este sistema para sustituirlas por el satélite?

Desde que la Voz de los Estados Unidos de América iniciara sus emisiones en castellano para América Latina en Mayo de 1960, siempre colocó en el aire 3 programas: Buenos Días América, Buenas Noches América y posteriormente Media Hora con el Mundo.

Con la llegada del satélite, dichos programas fueron incluidos en ese formato, suprimiendo este último de la onda corta.

Actualmente la VOA continuó con la onda corta, porque se dieron cuenta que el acceso al Internet y al satélite en América Latina era muy costoso para la gran mayoría de sus oyentes acostumbrados a sintonizar sus programas a través de sus radiorreceptores.

Pero la gran pregunta es ¿Porqué transmitir a estas alturas del juego hacia la Región Andina, y porque no hacia los países del MERCOSUR o hacia Centroamérica? Esta misma pregunta se la hicimos al responsable de estas transmisiones, el Sr. Oscar Underwood quien es

el presentador de dicho servicio. Desgraciadamente no hemos recibido todavía respuesta a pesar de haberle enviado estas y otras incógnitas a través de su correo electrónico.

Todo esto hace pensar que dichas transmisiones tienen un carácter político, ya que el gobierno estadounidense empieza a preocuparse por la situación interna de los países pertenecientes a esa región, en especial Colombia por su problema con el narcotráfico y las guerrillas de izquierda; y Venezuela por la amplia simpatía que tiene el gobierno del Presidente Hugo Chávez por los enemigos tradicionales de los Estados Unidos, a saber: Cuba, Irán, Irak y Libia.

Parece que el fantasma de la guerra fría seguiría rondando en los medios radiofónicos, sobre todo en la onda corta. Esperemos que la propaganda de lado y lado no sea tan profunda como lo fue en el pasado.

(Jorge García Rangel, EDITOR DX, Banda Tropical July 30, Club Diexistas de la Amistad via DXLD)

\*\* U S A. 14974/15026, WWV Fort Collins, 2027, 30 July, WWV putting out spurs 26 kc above and below fundamental of 15000. I noted these same spurs from their 10000 outlet, on the 26th of this month (David Hodgson, TN, harmonics via DXLD)

USA, 9974/10026, WWV Fort Collins, 1140, 26 July. Time signal station WWV was observed this morning emitting spurs of fair strength 26 kHz below and above the fundamental freq of 10000 (ibid.)

\*\* U S A. Interviewing the Interviewer. AJR's Thomas Kunkel turns the tables and asks the questions in a conversation with Terry Gross, host of NPR's "Fresh Air." From AJR, July/August 2001, American Journalism Review: <http://ajr.newslink.org/ajrgrossjul01.html> (via Chet Copeland, NY, DXLD)

\*\* U S A [non]. New Dimensions Radio not heard Saturday 28th July at 1510 check on 6175; perhaps the broadcasts have been discontinued (Mike Barraclough, UK, August World DX Club Contact via DXLD) Was via Merlin, UK, I recall (gh, DXLD) {see DXLD 1-105: off WSHB too}

\*\* U S A. Another in the salon.com series on payola:  
- - - - - Payola City By Eric Boehlert  
[http://www.salon.com/ent/music/feature/2001/07/24/urban\\_radio/index.html](http://www.salon.com/ent/music/feature/2001/07/24/urban_radio/index.html)  
(via Bill Westenhaver, DXLD)

\*\* U S A. Michael Powell's Brave New World: If you vote Democrat, you get the Telecommunications Act of 1996. If you vote Republican you get this. If you are the public, you lose  
<http://www.msnbc.com/news/605739.asp?0si=-&cp1=1#BODY>  
(via Kevin Redding, IRCA via DXLD)

\*\* URUGUAY. A large, beautiful wall decoration in wood and metal - partly in silver - was received in the mail from CWA155 Banda Oriental together with a tape recording of one of their regular transmissions in mid-July. According to info received by e-mail the station is run by the Porro-San Mart n family, Mr Jos  A Porro the technician and Mrs Nora San Mart n de Porro the station manager. Their daughter, Mrs Anal a and her husband Gustavo Velazco are in charge of a daily transmission at 0100-0300 UT on 6155, 2 kW into an omnidirectional antenna. This is a non-commercial operation different from that of CW155 R Sarand  del Y , 1550 kHz. The SW fare consists of "folklore uruguayo" (ballads with guitar accompaniment), but as long as composers or interpreters are Uruguayan they also play tangos, milongas and tropical-sounding music of the "bailanta" type. In the XVIII century Banda Oriental was a common reference to the "eastern shores" of the Uruguay river, which as an independent country in 1828 was named Rep blica Oriental del Uruguay. Sarand  del Y  is a tiny [sic] village of 6,500 inhabitants. It is located 200 km north of Montevideo. The usual verie consists of nicely printed letter and a picture postcard. Reports can be sent by e-mail to norasan@adinet.com.uy or by p-mail to CWA155 Banda Oriental, Sarand  328, Sarand  del Y , CP 97100, Durazno, Uruguay. The first reports from Europe seem to be have been from Mauno Ritola, and Jan-Erik  sterhom, in Finland and Vasily Gulyaev, in Russia (Henrik Klemetz, Sweden, July 31 for DXLD)

\*\* VENEZUELA. Les tenemos la buena noticia para aquellos colegas diexistas que deseen confirmar la emisora venezolana Radio Amazonas. El QSL Manager de esta radio, Jos  Francisco Oca a me coment  que les hiciera llegar la noticia de que tiene un buen lote de QSLes firmadas por su director. En tal sentido me autoriz  a que enviaran sus informes de recepci n por carta, a la direcci n de este servidor acompa ado de 3 Cupones IRCs debidamente sellados por la oficina postal de sus pa ses de origen.

No se aceptar  el env o de igual cantidad de d lares dentro de los sobres, ya que en el pasado hubo problemas de p rdida de correspondencia por ese motivo. S lo se admitir  el dinero en aquellos casos donde el diexista no tenga la disponibilidad de obtener los cupones en su pa s de origen, con la salvedad de tomar el riesgo de que su carta no llegue a su destino, libr ndonos de cualquier responsabilidad en caso de extrav o. Pueden enviar sus informes a la siguiente direcci n:

Radio Amazonas.  
Sr. Jorge Garc a Rangel.  
Calle Roma, Qta: Costa Rica No. A-16,  
Urbanizaci n Alto Barinas.  
Barinas 5201.

Venezuela.

Tengan la seguridad, que todos los informes de recepción serán respondidos en un tiempo prudencial. Sin más. Muchas Gracias a Todos! Y esperamos con interés sus correspondientes informes.  
(Jorge García Rangel, EDITOR DX, Banda Tropical, Club Diexistas de la Amistad, via DXLD)

[He is acting as QSL manager for R. Amazonas; 3 IRCs but do not send dollar bills]

\*\* VIETNAM [non]. Glenn, another Radio Free Vietnam will begin broadcasts this week... from August 1, per Ludo Maes, this RFV organization, based in New Orleans, will start broadcasting at 1400-1430 UTC on 15230 kHz (via Russia). There was another RFV organization from California that had been on shortwave (via KWHR) but this is a different organization using a foreign relay. (per SWBC list 7/29) (Joe Hanlon in Philadelphia, DXLD)

A new shortwave radio station, called Radio Free Vietnam will start broadcasting on August 1, 2001. The target area is Vietnam and the broadcasts will take place from Monday to Friday on 15.230 kHz from 9 to 9.30 PM local Vietnamese time (14.00 to 14.30 UTC). The organization is based in New Orleans and is not the same station as the already on shortwave broadcasting Radio Free Vietnam from California. More information about the station can be found on their web site at <http://www.radiofreevietnam.com> (TDP July 26 and via Wolfgang B. schel, Robert Thompson, Mike Barraclough, July 29 via DXLD)

Ludo, do you know as to where this program is transmitted from, or what station might be relaying it? The other Radio Free Vietnam, from California, was broadcast over KWHR is Hawaii, I think... (Joe Hanlon in Philadelphia, USA, SWBC via DXLD)

Address: P.O.Box 29245, New Orleans, LA 70189, email  
vkyson@bigfoot.com or rfvla@aol.com (Mike Barraclough, August World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

\*\* YEMEN. Re Walt Salmaniw, France, not hearing 9780 (approx) in English at 0600:

July isn't the best time of the year to note Sana'a on our European mornings; signal will improve around mid Sept til end of Feb; though nighttime reception from 1700 UT onwards is mostly easy, except a super power stn like Moscow is co-ch 9780 also (Wolfgang B. schel, Germany, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* ZAMBIA. Source: ZNBC Radio 1. Main Studio: Lusaka. Category:

Domestic. Media Provider: Zambia National Broadcasting Corporation (ZNBC) Date of Issue: 25-Jul-2001 13:44. Last Modified: 17-Jul-2001 14:21. Comments: All programming is in local languages - BEMBA, KAONDE, LOZI, LUNDA, LUVALE and NYAMJA - except for the Network News in ENGLISH three times daily. Programmes are subject to variation. Broadcasts are not subject to Summer/Winter time changes. Languages: Multilingual. Address: PO Box 50015, Lusaka, Zambia. Tel: +260 1 250692. Fax: +260 1 254013. 0245-2205 daily on 6265 and FM. Includes:

0250-0255 Daily	Opening announcements, programme summary
0400-0500 Daily	News in VERNACULARS
0500-0510 Daily	Network News in ENGLISH (relay of Radio 2)
0600-0800 Daily	Programmes in TONGA
0800-1000 Daily	Programmes in BEMBA
1000-1115 Daily	Programmes in NYANJA
1115-1127 Daily	Network News in ENGLISH (relay of Radio 2)
1200-1400 Daily	Programmes in BEMBA
1400-1600 Daily	Programmes in KAONDE
1600-1800 Daily	Programmes in NYANJA
1800-1810 Daily	Network News in ENGLISH (relay of Radio 2)
1810-2200 Daily	Programmes in LOZI

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UNIDENTIFIED. 16758, Spy numbers harmonic (2 x 8379), 2040 UT, 30 July, Spy numbers station in SS. YL reading 5 digit code. Positive audio match. Weak harmonic, good fundamental. This is most likely from Cuba (David Hodgson, TN, harmonics via DXLD)       ####